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Capital letters - deceased
Brackets - titles
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Warren Kurtz

GARRETT— Warren G. Kurtz, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at 7:19 p.m. in Garrett.

Mr. Kurtz worked as a repairman at Navistar for 30 years, retiring in 1988. He worked for Passages Inc. for six years at the Interstate 69 rest park until September 2001. He was currently a van driver for Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a lifetime Garrett resident and a member and trustee of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 17, 1938, in Garrett to Lawrence and Dorothy (Sanders) Kurtz. His mother survives in Columbia City and his father preceded him in death.

He married Kathleen Nodine on July 31, 1960, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Terry Kurtz of Garrett; one daughter, Lissa Butler of Auburn; three brothers, Dean Kurtz of Altaloma, Calif., Thomas Kurtz of Rotunda West, Fla., and George Kurtz of Crystal, Minn.; four sisters, Marlene Heller and Carol Kurtz, both of Columbia City, Amy Green of Angola, and Suzanne Mayberry of Corunna; and five grandchildren, Amanda Fetters of St. Joe, Daniel and Katelynn Butler of Auburn, and Jessica and Christina Kurtz of Garrett.

A brother, Don Kurtz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held tonight at 7:30 in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wee Haven or the activities department at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Frank Smith

ASHLEY — Frank J. Smith, 97, of Ashley, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at 4:45 a.m. in Northern Lakes Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Smith retired in 1967 after 25 years at Warner Gear in Auburn. He served as the sexton of St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo from 1967 to 1983 and as chairman of the cemetery committee from 1983 until his death.

He was an avid bowler and was active in baseball as an umpire. He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

He was born Aug. 4, 1904, in Fort Wayne to John C. and Katherine (Metzler) Smith.

He married Violet Reasoner in Auburn on June 28, 1927. She died Jan. 4, 1960.

He married Edna Stack in Waterloo on Oct. 12, 1979. She died July 16, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, J.C. and Janis Smith of Hudson, and Larry and Sue Smith of Coldwater, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Jeff, Joey and Jim Smith, Pam Quaintance, Sherry Roddy, David Smith, Gary Smith and Kimberly Smith; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord celebrating the Mass. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 5-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church for Masses.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Mary Jane Brown

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mary Jane Brown, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and lived on West High Street in Hicksville. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville, where she was a deaconess and served for many years as a church secretary.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Spencerville and a past secretary-treasurer of the Masonic Temple in Hicksville from 1957 to 1983. She was a past member of Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1933.

She was born April 25, 1915, in St. Joe, DeKalb County, to Fran and Cora (Sechler) Currie.

She married Roger D. Brown on June 12, 1934, in Auburn. He died Jan.15, 1982.

Surviving are one son, Larry W. Brown of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Katherine Jump of Haines City, Fla.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Herbert and Frank Currie; and three sisters, Lucille Frederick, Ruth Moore and Grace Cook.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **John A. Dove**, 65, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at his home in Fremont. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

LAGRANGE — **H.D. "Red" Allen**, 60, died Monday at home in LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Washington Evangelical Free Church, Valparaiso. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gladys L. Armel**, 92, died Sunday at home in Columbia City. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-8 p.m. today.

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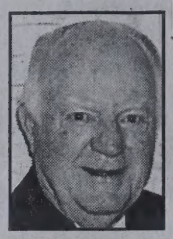
Lewis Hout



Mr. Hout

AUBURN — Lewis Watts Hout, 84, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Hout was the owner and founder of Graphic Press in Champaign, Ill. He was a broadcaster and sales representative for WDWS from 1937 to 1946, doing The Farm Show in Champaign. He served in the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. He was a mentor and friend of Dr. Khin Mar Oo of Auburn.

He was a member of American Legion Post 24 and the C-Club in Champaign. He enjoyed golf.

He spent the past 10 years with Dr. Oo and family. He spent winters in Winterhaven, Fla.

He was born April 4, 1917, in Champaign to Marvin W. and Inez (Spray) Hout.

He married Vera Brooke Patchett. She died in 1970.

Surviving are one brother, Marvin J. Hout of Bowie, Md.; a sister-in-law, Mary Hout of Bowie; a niece and her husband, Roxanne and Michael Heup of Davidsonville, Md.; and Dr. Khin Mar Oo, M.D., of Auburn.

A brother, John S. Hout, preceded him in death.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Nurses Scholarship Fund at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

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Eleanor Smith

GARRETT — Eleanor M. "Bay" Smith, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at 10:20 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and lived in Garrett all her life. She was a member of the Garrett Bowlerette League and Taking Pounds Off Sensibly (T.O.P.S.).

Mrs. Smith

She was born Dec. 17, 1919, in Garrett to Jasper B. and Beatrice M. (Strawser) Spencer.

She married Robert C. Smith on June 12, 1938, in Auburn. He died Nov. 7, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue A. and Bill Kelham of Garrett, and Becky and Ron Blotkamp of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert C. Smith Jr. and Evon Smith of Garrett, and Bruce and Carla Smith of Garrett; two sisters, June Weller of Garrett and Betty Harris of Mount Prospect, Ill.; 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, John Spencer and Robert Spencer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham MDA Fund or Garrett High School Athletic Department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Carl Peting

ORLAND — Carl S. Peting, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, in Orland.

Mr. Peting retired in 1978 from Dana Corp. with 29 years of services as a tool-and-die maker. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel, the Orland post of the American Legion and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 14, 1915, in Huntington. His wife, Helen L., died June 29, 1993.

Surviving are one son, Fred C. Millner of Huntington; a daughter, Carol Sue Day of Huntington; a sister, Mildred Winkelman of Huntington; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling there from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

George Wittwer

FORT WAYNE — George O. Wittwer, 52, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a carpenter, home builder and craftsman.

Surviving are a son, Brandon of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Wendy O'Hara of Anderson; his parents, Richard and Mila Wittwer of Fort Wayne; a brother, Curtis of Spencerville; two sisters, Linda Bennett of Kendallville and Mary Mylet of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Friday from 2-5 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to AA, Fort Wayne Chapter.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **John A. "Jay" Dove**, 65, died Tuesday. Services Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

FREMONT — **Matthew G. Hallman**, 23, of Fremont, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at 4:45 a.m. from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident. Services Friday at 11 a.m. in College Park United Brethren Church, 1945 College Ave., Huntington. Calling today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

CHURUBUSCO — **Kevin P. "K.P." Gaerte**, 57, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Fla. Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Nancy Simon

AVILLA — Nancy J. Simon, 63, of Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An Avilla resident since 1964, she was a homemaker and a member of the Kendallville Faith United Methodist Church, the Swan Township Homemakers Club and the Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Helmer, to Ralph C. and Miriam L. (Warble) Becker. On June 4, 1961, in Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, she married Allan H. Simon, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother, of Kendallville; a son, Brent A. Simon of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Steven Vore of Upland; two grandchildren, Jacob Donovan and Reilly Margaret Vore; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen and Victoria Becker of Kendallville, Miriam L. Coil and Rozanne Becker of Fort Wayne, Janis and Jim Tuttle of Auburn and Linda and Fred McWhinney of Pretty Lake; and two brothers, Ralph Becker of Fort Collins, Colo., and Richard Becker of West Virginia.

A sister, Marjorie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, the American Red Cross or the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center in Auburn.

Kevin Gaerte

AVILLA — Kevin P. "K.P." Gaerte, 57, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Fla.

He was well known in the area for collecting and pulling antique tractors, and was the founder of the Tri-County Antique Puller's Association. He was an electrical technician and Noble County farmer. He was also a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County. He attended Albion schools and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1963. He and his wife had spent winters in Arcadia since 1980.

Gaerte

He was born Oct. 28, 1944, in Wolf Lake, to Curtis and Julia (Conner) Gaerte. On Oct. 1, 1966, in Whitley County, he married Mary Lou Lengerich, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara Gaerte of St. Paul, Minn.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Matthew and Pat Gaerte of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Dean and Sylvia Gaerte and Ben Gaerte, all of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Loren M. "Ike" and Hope Gaerte of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Roger Smith of Churubusco, Judy and Terry Wootan of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jenny and Terry Skiles of Avilla; and four grandchildren, Diamond, Mikaela, Autumn and Dean Gaerte Jr.

Two brothers, Richard D. and Gene S., preceded him in death on May 8, 1982, and Nov. 18, 1999.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and at the church one hour before services on Monday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sypathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Katie Troyer

MIDDLEBURY — Katie Troyer, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

A lifelong area resident, she was a homemaker and a member of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury. She was an avid quilter.

She was born June 5, 1921, in LaGrange County, to Monroe and Emma (Schlabach) Yoder. On Dec. 22, 1945, in Provo, Utah, she married Alvin O. Troyer, and he preceded her in death on July 27, 1996.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria Shetler and Sarah and Wilbur Bontrager, all of Middlebury, and Darlene and Paul Wagler of Millbank, Ontario, Canada; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney W. and LaVera Troyer of White Pigeon, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ann Bontrager and Sylvia and Crist Bontrager, all of Shipshewana, and Edna Yoder and Liz and Jerry Mast of Goshen and Emma and Mahlon Eash, all of Yutica, Ohio; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Polly Yoder, Amos and Barb Yoder and Monroe Jr. and Susan Yoder, all of Goshen.

A daughter, Florene (Troyer) Yoder, a sister, Amanda Cebik, and a brother, Joe Yoder, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Thad Lechlitner, the Rev. Troy Brubaker and the Rev. Harry Yoder of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are Gospel Echoes or World Missionary Press. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Leora Wertman

LEO — Leora A. Wertman, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2001, at her home in Leo.

Mrs. Wertman was a homemaker, a member of Harvest Free Will Baptist Church and an avid reader. She was born in Allen County.

Surviving are four sons, Geary Wertman of Noble County, Max Wertman and Gale Wertman, both of Leo, and Roger Wertman of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara Hyre of Spencerville; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hilda Carper of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L., in 1988; a brother, Paul Shears; two sisters, Marcella Felger and Albert Rennecker; and one grandson, Jeff Wertman.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, 5903 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County or Harvest Free Will Baptist Church.

Robert Roe

BLUFFTON — Robert Dean Roe, 63, of Ozark, Mo., formerly of Bluffton, died Tuesday at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

He was born in Wells County and was an aide at the Masonic Home in Minneapolis, Monn.

Surviving are several cousins, including Marry Coffield of Bluffton, Kathleen Steckley of Kendallville, Judson Raver and Rita Bakalar, both of Fort Wayne, Nancy Kinnison of West Melton, Ohio, Mary Ann Bash of Englwood, Colo., Mrs. Tom Erb of Lawrence, Kan., and Dr. Michael Simmons of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with calling three hours before services. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Carl Short

ANGOLA — Carl Eugene Short, 67, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at 7:20 p.m. in his Angola home.

Mr. Short retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1973. He worked as an attendant at the Interstate Marathon gas station and was a bartender at Angola American Legion Post 31, Redwood Lounge in Angola, and Abie's in Ashley. He was a member of American Legion Post 31 and the George Anspaugh Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born March 14, 1934, in Indianapolis to Carl and Jennie (Sleeth) Short.

He married Laura Smith on April 20, 1954. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Carl Curtis Short of Ellicott City, Md.; two daughters, Gayla Henderson of Angola and Jennie Short of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Short in 1976, and Leland Short in 2001.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Kenneth Butz officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Jamestown Township, Steuben County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Rachel Tucker

SOUTH WHITLEY — Rachel Ann Grant Tucker, 40, died Tuesday at home.

She was born in Huntington County and had been self employed as a truck driver for the Moorman Trucking Co. for several years.

Surviving are her fiancé, Randy Moorman of South Whitley; her mother, Ruth Ann Geist Grant of South Whitley; a sister, Clara North of South Whitley; and three brothers, Sam and Ben Grant of South Whitley and Matthew Grant of Albion.

Services will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Calling will be today from 2-9 p.m. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a church of the donor's choice.

Ada Fritz

GREENWOOD — Ada K. Fritz, 78, of Greenwood and formerly of Fort Wayne and Wolcottville, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at her home.

She was a secretary at Wayne Knitting & Slaughter Hardware in Fort Wayne and a member and secretary for Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

She was born May 18, 1923, in Fort Wayne, and later married Carl F. Fritz of Greenwood. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dr. Janice Fitzharris Stall of Greenwood; and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Barbara Dobbs, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

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Alice Mallar

ORLAND — Alice Berniece (Cox) Mallar, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at her Orland home.

Mrs. Maller was a homemaker and formerly lived in Hillsdale, Mich. She enjoyed buying and selling antiques.

She was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Lawson B. and Amelia F. (Kreischer) Cox.

She married Eugene E. Mallar Sr. on March 6, 1943, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 19, 1982.

Surviving her are one daughter, Linda S. McCrea of Orland; three sons, Eugene Edward Mallar Jr. of Raleigh, N.C., Charles Donald Mallar of North Conway, N.H., and David Lee Mallar of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Four brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. August C. Peters officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue.

Helen Spake

FORT WAYNE — Helen M. Spake, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Spake was born in Auburn. She was a secretary with Phelps Dodge for 30 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of the Phelps Dodge Women's Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Sefton of Fort Wayne; two sons, Richard of Angola and David of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Wallace and Naomi Jones.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Praise Lutheran Church.

Margaret Wineland

BUENA VISTA, Colo. — Margaret M. Wineland, 91, of Buena Vista, died Dec. 7, 2001, at Columbine Nursing Home in Salida, Colo.

She was born Jan. 10, 1910, in Warren, Ind., to Samuel and Malinda Irey.

She married Walter Wineland in 1932 in Auburn. He died in 1969.

Mrs. Wineland moved to Golden, Colo., in 1962 and moved to Buena Vista in 1993 to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Wineland was employed at Woods Mortuary in Golden from 1972 until her retirement in 1992.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Golden from 1962 to 1993 and was a member of the Garden Club and bridge clubs in Golden. She also was a member of Agape Community Fellowship Church in Buena Vista.

Surviving are three children, Sara Walt, Richard Wineland and Melinda Peterson; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, two brothers and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 12, 2001, at the Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary. Interment was at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Leora Wertman

LEO — Leora A. Wertman, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at her home in Leo.

Mrs. Wertman was a homemaker, a member of Harvest Free Will Baptist Church and an avid reader. She was born in Allen County.

Surviving are four sons, Geary Wertman of Noble County, Max Wertman and Gale Wertman, both of Leo, and Roger Wertman of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara Hyre of Spencerville; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hilda Carper of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L., in 1988; a brother, Paul Shears; two sisters, Marcella Felger and Albert Rennecker; and one grandson, Jeff Wertman.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, 5903 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County or Harvest Free Will Baptist Church.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Mary Catherine Gerver**, 72, died Thursday at 9:45 p.m. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in Cosperville Baptist Church. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

MIDDLEBURY — Infant **Mari Esther Miller** was stillborn Thursday at 11:18 p.m. Private family services. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, in charge of arrangements.

LIGONIER — **Linda D. Beverly**, 49, died Friday. Services Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Max Norris

LARWILL — Max L. Norris, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, in Shelton, Wash.

The Richland Township, Whitley County, native held a degree in civil engineering from Purdue University.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Surviving are two sons, Max E. Norris of The Plains, Ohio, and Richard Norris of Shelton, Wash.; two daughters, Beth Norris of Birmingham, England, and Sandy Woodruff of Rochester, Minn.; two brothers, Dean Norris of Auburn and Rex Norris of Rochester, Vt.; two sisters, Violet Phister of Fort Wayne and Joan Clapp of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His wife, Donna, and a brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday in Shelton, Wash.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Dennis Baker

ST. JOE — Dennis L. Baker, 62, of St. Joe, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at 5:25 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Baker

He owned Green Grow Lawncare for 24 years, and also owned Right of Way Management.

A 1959 graduate of Riverdale High School, he later graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agronomy.

As a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Leo, he was very active, being a past deacon, elder and trustee. He was a board member of Cedar Creek Childcare, which is affiliated with the church, and Woodburn Christian Children's Home. He was a member of the St. Joe Lions Club.

He was born Sept. 9, 1939, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to Clayton A. and Harriett (Yeiser) Baker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in St. Joe.

On July 1, 1961, at Newville Church of Christ he married Karen Koeppe, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad Lee and Lisa Baker and Chadd Alan and Nicole Baker, all of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi Lynn and Jay Kelbley of Pittsford, N.Y.; a foster son and his wife, Dan and Stacy Smith of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Richard Hancock of West Lafayette; and three grandchildren, Clayton A. and Claire E. Baker and Austin M. Smith.

A grandson, A. J. Smith, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Cedar Creek Church of Christ, S.R. 1, Leo, with Ronald Collins officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net .

Jimmie Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Jimmie Darrell Collins, 61, died at 5:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville after an extended illness.

He retired in 1976 from Newnam Foundry, Kendallville. He had lived in the area 37 years, coming from Kentucky.

He was born April 4, 1940, in Knott County, Ky., to William and Ocie (Wicker) Collins.

On Dec. 31, 1966, in Clintwood, Va., he married Lorene Crager, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly and Jamie Van Auken and Jennifer Collins, all of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Brianna and Andrew Van Auken, both of Kendallville; four sisters, Pauline Bosen of Mousie, Ky., Avenelle Collins of Lackey, Ky., Marcella Osterreicher of Florida, and Oldia Long of Mount Sterling, Ky.; and a brother, Morell Collins of St. Marys, Ohio.

Mr. Collins

A daughter, Stephanie Collins, and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with evening services tonight and Monday at 6 p.m. Elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker of the church will officiate.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Monday at the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Eleanor Schuman

CORUNNA — Eleanor L. Schuman, 87, of Corunna, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church West Fairfield, Corunna.

She was born April 24, 1914, in Kendallville to Edward and Clara (Hess) Muesing.

On Feb. 21, 1939, in Kendallville, she married Ervin Schuman, and he preceded her in death April 22, 1980.

A brother, Robert Muesing, is also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Mary Schuman of Geneva and Charles and Ann Schuman of Corunna; a sister, Margaret Griffin of Garrett; four grandsons, David Schuman of Corunna, Brian Schuman of Wawaka, Phillip Schuman of Vera Cruz and Joseph Schuman of Geneva; a granddaughter, Katherine Schuman of Geneva; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Daniel Minster Sr.

FREMONT — Daniel Minster Sr., 83, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Minster was a production foreman at Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Angola, retiring in 1980 with 37 years of service. He lived on Lake George near Fremont.

He was born May 26, 1918, in Allen County to Frank and Kathryn (Moyer) Gallopo.

Surviving are one son, Dan J. Minster Jr. of Auburn; a daughter, Kay Nagy of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jerry Ostrom of Fremont; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after 4 p.m. Father Philip Schneider will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Carey

COLDWATER, Mich. — Robert D. Carey, 45, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mr. Carey was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service and fought multiple sclerosis for 24 years. He lived in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born Oct. 12, 1956, in Chicago to Bobby and Betty (Williams) Carey. They survive in Gainesville, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Mead); one daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Scott Hall of Ashley; two sons, Darrel Carey and Christopher Carey, both of East Point, Ky.; one stepson, Keith Roebel of Angola; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Roebel and Karla Roebel, both of Angola; one sister, Barbara Hestand of Amesbury, Mass.; two brothers, James Carey of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Richard Carey of Vero Beach, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich. The Rev. William Romans officiated. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Freda M. Rouhier**, 85, died Saturday. Graveside memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

AVILLA — **Pearl A. Kline**, 98, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Private services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Blaine Edward Feightner, her grandson, officiating. Family viewing will be Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

GOSHEN — **Ruth L. Gillis**, 87, died Sunday. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

KENDALLVILLE — **Larry G. Hall**, 57, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Carol Hameister

DELTA, Ohio — Carol Ann Hameister, 60, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at her son's home in Hamilton, Ind.

Mrs. Hameister was a homemaker and formerly worked as a waitress at Greeno's Truck Stop and Restaurant. She lived in Delta, Ohio.

She was born Jan. 14, 1941, in Delta to Carl Willard and Bertha (Osterhout) Lambert.

She married Arthur H. Hameister on Dec. 27, 1982, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Henry R. Lewis Jr. of Hamilton; one daughter, Carolyn McGuirk of Angola; one stepson, Arthur H. Hameister Jr. of Tamuning, Guam; two brothers, Lloyd Baun of Delta and Jerry Lambert of Swanton, Ohio; five sisters, Rose Goldsmith, Mary Alice Haas, Cathy Donaldson and Jeannie Turi, all of Delta, and Arlene Craine of Cumberland, Wis.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Donald Lambert, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Miller Funeral Home at Delta. Pastor Randy Trowbridge will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Alexander Gnagy

PUERTO RICO — Alexander Heath Gnagy, 5, died in a plane crash in Puerto Rico on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002.

He was the son of Jerold Gnagy Jr. and Katherine Anginck of Boulder, Colo.

He is survived by his grandparents, Finley and Betty Custer of Garrett, Jerold Gnagy Sr. and Joan Gnagy of Hamilton, and Carol Wojiechowicz of Princeton, N.J.; and his aunt and uncle, Sandy and Dick Bond of Garrett.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Larry Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Larry G. Hall, 57, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Hall worked at Lane Foundry in Kendallville and Foley Pattern in Auburn, and had also worked as a logger in Ohio. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born Sept. 3, 1944, in Printer in Floyd County, Ky., to Robert and Ocie (Hunter) Hall.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and John Farley of Kendallville; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott and Diana Hall of New London, Ohio, William Hall, Larry R. Hall and Jamie and Joyce Hall, all of Kendallville, and Michael Hall of Norwall, Ohio; the children's mother, Yvonne Elaine Hall; four brothers, Herschel and Linnard Hall of Wakeman, Ohio, Adrian Hall of Fitchville, Ohio, and Phillip Hall of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his friend, Twana McPherson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Eastman Funeral Home in New London, Ohio. Calling will be Monday from 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at Eastman Funeral Home in New London. Burial will be in Fitchville Cemetery in Fitchville, Ohio.

Joan Friend

AVILLA — Joan E. Friend, 81, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She served as head industrial nurse for Magnavox, retiring in 1982 after 20 years. She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Richard W.; two sons, Douglas R. of Kernersville, N.C., and Gregory J. of New Port Richey, Fla.; four daughters, Pamela J. Bradford of Villa Park., Ill., Nannette K. Hornberger of Hialeah, Fla., Diane C. Strawn of Bloomington and Janneen E. DeCamp of Auburn; a sister, Marjorie Shindler of Defiance, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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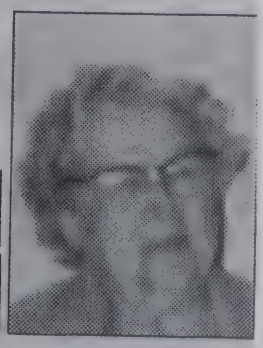
Ruth V. Spice

Fort Wayne – 1909-2002



Ruth V. Spice, 92, of Fort Wayne, a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home.

The Ashley native was a homemaker and member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Surviving are sons Jerry and Roger, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sydney G., three brothers and a sister. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling one hour before services and also from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, 432-2508.

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Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Harriet L. Cregier**, 82, died Sunday at home. Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, with the Rev. Charlie Winkelman and the Rev. Alan Griffin officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

ALBION — **Naomi M. Black**, 86, formerly of Albion, died Sunday at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

BREMEN — **George R. Dalton Jr.**, 59, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen, with the Rev. Roger Rohde officiating. Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Ura S. Gingerich**, 79, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at Life Care Center in LaGrange. Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at his daughter's home at 8330W 200S, Topeka, with Bishop Monroe Yoder and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at his daughter's home. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. — **Gary R. Gravit Jr.**, 32, of Cassopolis, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at V.A. Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Connelly Funeral Home in Cassopolis. Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

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Lawrence Crowl

HAMILTON — Lawrence C. Crowl, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crowl was a farmer on his own farm. He retired in 1979 from working in maintenance at Hamilton High School for more than 20 years.

He also drove school buses for Hamilton schools for several years and worked at the Farm Bureau in Pleasant Lake for five years.

Mr. Crowl served in the U.S. Army from 1931-1932.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Angola Eastern Star Chapter 78 for more than 50 years and served as sexton of Carter Cemetery for 43 years.

Mr. Crowl also was the Otsego Township trustee for eight years and served on the Hamilton Cemetery Board.

He was born July 24, 1912, in Otsego Township of Steuben County to Charles and Juliette (Griffin) Crowl.

He married Reba (Lemmon) Crowl on April 16, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Crowl of Hamilton and James Crowl of Angola; one daughter, Connie Johnson of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Crowl, and a sister, Viola Jennings.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society and Cameron Hospice.

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Emma Brown

HAMILTON — Emma M. Brown, 92, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Brown retired from the Allen County Welfare Department in 1974. She also worked at the Fort Wayne State School and Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Leo Order of Eastern Star and a former member of the Angola Ladies of the Moose and the Hamilton Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Sept. 5, 1909, in Woodburn to F. Godfried and Marie (Keller) Lehman.

She married Clarence E. Brown on Sept. 25, 1934, in Huntertown. He died Dec. 15, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Richard Allen Brown of Quincy, Mich., two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Ann Padrick, three sisters, two brothers and one grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or Leo O.E.S.

Harold Brown

AUBURN — Harold D. Brown, 86, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps and helped build Ouabache State Park in Bluffton. He also was a machinist, farmer, general contractor and carpenter.

He was born March 23, 1915, in DeKalb County to Lawrence H. and Mildred (Likens) Brown.

On July 3, 1938 he married Mildred K. Rinehold. She survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, David Brown and Dennis Brown of Auburn, Dorsey Brown and Dexter Brown of Waterloo, Darold Brown of Garrett, Daniel Brown of Butler and Douglas Brown of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; three daughters, Darlene Tucker of Waterloo, Deanna Hart of Kendallville and Debra Brown of Avilla; one sister, Marybelle Haiflich of Auburn; one brother, Lee Brown of Waterloo; 45 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Johnson of Hammond, and four brothers, Almon Brown of Auburn, Edward Brown of Waterloo, Elson Brown of Auburn and Lawrence "Bud" Brown of Hamilton.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Francis Holmes

HUDSON — Francis J. "Frank" Holmes, 76, of rural Hudson died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at 7:35 p.m. at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Holmes retired from the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit on Jan. 1, 1991, after 28 years as an engineer.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a life member of the Orland American Legion Post 423, a life member of the DAV of Lagrange Post 45 and a member of the 40 & 8 of Angola 483.

Mr. Holmes was a former member of the Salem Center Fire Department and was on the Indiana State Pupil Transportation Board, where he was an organizer of the rule for school bus safety.

He was born Nov. 24, 1925, in Anderson to Francis and Victoria (Osalier) Holmes.

He married Connie Gaff in Mooresville on Aug. 31, 1985. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Francis "Joe" Holmes and Richard "Rick" Holmes, both of Beavercreek, Ohio; four daughters, Lorie Holmes and Janet Rohlman, both of Indianapolis, Vicki Mullins of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Sue Jenkins of Springfield, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Lezlie Franks of Littleton, Colo.; 11 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael and Thomas.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by Orland American Legion Post 423.

There will be private family visitation.

Memorials are to the Steuben Humane Society.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Pauline Snow**, 92, died Tuesday. Services Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m.

NAPPANEE — **John A. Treece**, 60, of Nappannee, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday.

SYRACUSE — **Elmer L. Largen**, 84, of Syracuse, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Tom Wiegand officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until services on Friday. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

HOWE — **Jerry L. Cline**, 60, of Howe, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount. Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Park Cemetery in Fairmount.

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard "Dick" David Sunderland**, 63, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Las Vegas. Memorial services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Churubusco, with calling after services. American Burial and Memorial in Las Vegas is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Dennison

CHICAGO — Donald D. Dennison, 54, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at his Chicago residence.

Mr. Dennison worked as a chef in several restaurants. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born May 12, 1947, in Auburn to Clarence V. and Helen L. (Winebrenner) Dennison. His mother survives in Auburn and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, Clarence Dennison of Fort Wayne and Richard Dennison of Franklin, Tenn.

A brother preceded him in death.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Noah Hamman

WATERLOO — Noah R. Hamman, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Hamman was a retired Smithfield Township farmer. He lived in Waterloo and was a member of New Hope Christian Center and Gideons International Society.

He was born July 10, 1911, in Waterloo to John D. and Sadie A. (Warrick) Hamman.

He married Jean Whittington on April 1, 1934, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel F. Hamman of LaGrange, and John D. Hamman of Tempe, Ariz.; two daughters, Marianne Mathews and Linda Jean Groen, both of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or the Gideons society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty McKeever

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jane McKeever, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

A homemaker, she was born Jan. 20, 1924, in Hudson to Howard and Avah Blanche (Freed) Krum. On June 7, 1947, at the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church in Kendallville she married Carl William McKeever, and he preceded her in death Sept. 12, 1997. An infant daughter, Sharon Lee Rigsby, and two sisters, June Holmes and Theda Neukom, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jean Rigsby of Troy, Ohio; a granddaughter and her husband, Sandra and Kevin Dressler of Kendallville; a grandson, Paul Rigsby of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Roma and John Ludwig of Granger; three great-grandchildren, David, Tony and Darinda Dressler of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Dale Neukom of Garrett.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, LaGrange office or the Noble County Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Thurs, Jan. 10, 2002 (cont'd)

Roger Thomson

AUBURN — Roger Sterling Thomson, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, in his Auburn home.

Mr. Thomson was self-employed as a milk carrier to County Line Cheese for several years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auburn Church of Christ.

He was born June 22, 1918, in Waterloo to Roger Carl Thomson and Mary Elizabeth (Wilhelm) Thomson.

He married Mildred O. Getts on April 14, 1943, in Hamilton. She died Sept. 24, 1994.

He married Mazie (Brown) Myers on May 13, 1997, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson and his wife, Ethan and Theresa Myers of Waterloo; one stepdaughter and her husband, Nila and Larry Clear of Waterloo; one stepdaughter-in-law and her husband, Nancy and Harry Fike of Waterloo; two nephews and their wives, Ronald and Barbara Bricker of Coldwater, Mich., and Lyle and Janet Bricker of Harvard, Ill.; two nieces and a husband, Nancy and Marion Carper of Auburn, and Dorothy Winslow of Auburn; nine stepgrandchildren and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Tommy Thomson; a stepson, Darrel Myers; one brother, Glen Thomson; and one sister, LaVon Bricker.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger and John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Shelter or Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Rev. Albert Schlegel

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Albert P. Schlegel, 98, died Wednesday at the Lutheran Home.

Rev. Schlegel

He was born in Lima, Ohio, on June 9, 1903, the son of John and Lena Schlegel.

He graduated from Lima Business College and attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1928.

He was ordained as a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor on July 15, 1928, at his home church in Lima. Three days later, on July 18, 1928, he married Luella Sigg in Toledo, Ohio.

Pastor Schlegel's first congregation was at Hunter, Kan., from 1928-1939. From 1939-1946, he served a church in Junction City, Kan.

From 1946-1949, he was at Schumm, Ohio, and on March 27, 1949, he was installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. He served that congregation until Oct. 18, 1956.

He later served the communities of Tracy and Hamlet until 1962, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Haven. He served there until 1966 and from 1966-1974 he was institutional chaplain in Fort Wayne. From 1974-1978, he was the pastor for the Lake George Chapel, Angola. He was vacancy pastor in Ossian for a period of three years and later assisted at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He retired in 1989.

His wife, Luella A., preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Albert P. Schlegel Jr. of New Haven, the Rev. Ronald J. Schlegel of North Myrtle Beach, N.C., and Orvin L. Schlegel of Warsaw; a daughter, Jeanette S. Groth, whose husband is a Lutheran missionary in Africa; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Concordia Cemetery Gardens Chapel, 5300 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hour or Concordia Lutheran Church. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Dean Brown

HUDSON — Dean R. Brown, 62, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at his Hudson home.

Mr. Brown retired in 1995 as a mechanic for United Parcel Service and also was a farmer. He was a member of the Antique Power and Steam Association of Steuben and LaGrange Counties and a former member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born June 29, 1939, in Fairbury, Ill., to Lester and Ruth (Harvey) Brown. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Randy Brown and Denny Brown, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Deana Tritch of Hudson and Theresa Brown of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Duane Brown of Columbia City, Ronnie Brown of South Whitley, Danny Brown of Auburn and David Brown of Butler; two sisters, Alyce Uguccioni of Brooklyn, Mich., and Diane Brown of Nashville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

One son, Douglass Brown, and his twin brother, Dale Brown, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Richard A. Reed**, 71, died Wednesday at 12:10 a.m. in his Angola home. Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **John T. Gilmore**, 63, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at home. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

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Rosa Carpenter

MASON, Ohio — Rosa M. Carpenter, 85, died Wednesday at Otterbein Home — Lebanon in Mason, Ohio.

She was a Huntington native.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Case and Beverly Mullen, both of Mason; a son, Gerald Keefer of Maineville, Ohio; two brothers, Ervin Carpenter of Auburn and Charles Bragg of Huntington; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell Keefer; her second husband, John Carpenter; and two sons, James and Donald Keefer.

Services are noon Saturday at Hart Funeral Home, Huntington. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Fred Thomson Jr.

SOUTH WHITLEY — Fred H. Thomson Jr., 76, died Wednesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

The Fort Wayne native worked at Gripco Fasteners for 40 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Thomson; two stepsons, Michael D. Keck of Garrett and Douglas L. Keck of Phoenix; a stepgrandchild; and a brother, Jack Thomson of South Whiltey.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Steven Michael Trigg Jr.**, 16, died Thursday at home. Services are 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling after 2 p.m. Saturday.

TOPEKA — **Ada Lambright**, 94, died Thursday at home. Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at the LaVern Miller home, 3875S C.R. 900W, Topeka. Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family home, 3905S C.R. 900W, Topeka.

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Versia Knotts

HOWE — Versia "Cricket" Knotts, 53, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, in an automobile accident in Howe.

She worked at Alternative Lifestyles in LaGrange, and was a member of Eagles Lodge 1314 in Sturgis, Mich.

Knotts

She was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Minnie, Ky., to Edgil and Melda (Sparkman) Hicks. Before coming to the area seven years ago, she lived in Rockford, Ill.

Surviving are two daughters and two son-in-laws, Patricia and Jerry Strayer of Shipshewana and Pamela and Larry Henggeler of McCall, Idaho; a son and his girlfriend, Doug Beard and Patricia Krontz of Howe; a brother, Marlion Hicks of Davis Junction, Ill.; five sisters, Anna Rose Fields, Virginia Douglas and Shelvie Jean Green, all of Machesney Park, Ill., Maxine Handshoe of Hudson, and Brenda Thacker of Stroh; five grandchildren, Derek and Sarah Kuborn, Tyler and Matthew Henggeler, and Austin Childress; and two stepgrandchildren, Brady Strayer and Joshua Henggeler.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edgil Hicks and Melda (Sparkman) McDaniel, a sister, Anna LaVergne, and a stepfather, Curtis McDaniel.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Barbara Jefferson

ALBION — Barbara Louise Jefferson, 61, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at 6:45 p.m. at her residence near Skinner Lake, Albion.

Mrs. Jefferson worked at Essex Wire and Lyall Electric. She also was a member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jefferson was born Sept. 5, 1940, in Hindman, Ky., to Frank and Nancy (Flannigan) Combs.

She married Henry Ford Jefferson on Jan. 4, 1958, in Hindman, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Tammy Jefferson of Larwill; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Roy Slone of Kendallville and Ray and Martha Jo Slone of LaGrange; two sisters and two brother-in-laws, Doris and Charles Patrick of Albion and Alberta and Larry Steffe of Auburn; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Joshua and Richelle Jefferson of Larwill and Brandon Fulk, who serves in the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Jefferson was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Jefferson, in 1973; a daughter, Sheila Ann Fulk, in 1981; and a sister, Sue Ryan.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Wolf Lake Baptist Church, Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Nora Wilson

BUTLER — Nora Belle Wilson, 72, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at her residence in Butler.

Mrs. Wilson was a bus driver for handicapped students, retiring in 1985 after 17 1/2 years of service. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ and Butler Eagles Lodge.

She was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Williams County, Ohio, to Leslie and Viola (Favourite) Strup.

Her husband, Lewis A. Wilson, preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1988.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Charles and Monica Wilson of Butler, Richard and Nancy Wilson of Hudson, Dennis and Debbie Wilson of Hamilton, Brian and Judy Wilson of Butler and John Wilson of Butler; two daughters, Teresa Grate of Hamilton and Lorna Wilson of Butler; three brothers, John Strup of Edon, Ohio, Charles Strup of Delta, Ohio and Joe Strup of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Julie Peterson of Edon, Ohio, Edith Decan of Angola, and Rose Miller of New Haven; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A son, Michael, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Samuel Rodman

LIGONIER — Samuel Howard Rodman, 90, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

He was born on June 13, 1911 in Noble County to James F. and Eva N. (Hanson) Rodman. He is survived by his wife, Willadean Stranger Rodman, whom he married on Oct. 24, 1972. His first wife, Fannie M. (Miller) Rodman, whom he married on Dec. 24, 1934, preceded him in death.

Rodman

Mr. Rodman was a line repairman for the Penn Central Railroad before retiring in 1976.

He attended Cosperville Baptist Church, was the oldest member of the Ligonier Eagles Lodge #1763 and enjoyed gardening and ice fishing.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rodman is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Howard Jr. and Jill Rodman of Union, Mich.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Judy and Lester Bender of Wawaka and Bonnie and Wayne Spallinger of Pleasant Lake; three sisters, Mary Keller of Kendallville, Wava Duckworth, and Pauline Myers, both of Fort Wayne; fifteen grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, one son, Harold James Rodman, one stepdaughter, Rosalie Heintzelman, one stepson, Gary Joe Stranger, seven brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Jim Barnes officiating. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Cosperville Baptist Church.

Clyde Arnold

LAGRANGE — Clyde W. Arnold, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at his home.

Before his retirement, he worked as a machinist at Weatherhead Dana in Angola.

He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran, and was also a member of the Orland American Legion and the Angola VFW.

Mr. Arnold was born Feb. 23, 1916 to David M and Tyna M. (Whiteford) Arnold. His parents preceded him in death. He married Beulah J. (Coney) Arnold on Feb. 6, 1945. She died in July, 1998.

Also preceding him in death were three sister and five brothers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Wiggington of Gilbert, Ariz., and Linda Arnold of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, David and Selma Rogers of Middlebury, Mike and Anna Clark of Hamilton, and Don and Barbara Sutton of Fremont; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Rita Arnold of Angola, Roger W. and Jill Arnold of Hudson, and Dale and Ruth Arnold of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Jean Wert of Kendallville; one brother, Douglas Arnold of Webberville, Mich.; 18 granchildren and 20 great-granchildren.

Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Norma Grice

SHIPSHEWANA — Norma L. Grice, 73, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Grice was born Jan. 9, 1928 in Marion, Ohio, to Chauncy and Edna (Temple) Chandler. Her parents preceded her in death, as did her husband, Robert Eugene Grice, whom she married on June 17, 1948.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, William and Pamela Stigall of Shipshewana and Doug and Karen Shufort of Jacksonville, Fla.; a son, Bill Grice of Shipshewana; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Diane Grice of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sisters, Betty DeWees and Phyllis Hudkins, both of Marion, Ohio; two brothers, Donald Chandler of Marion, Ohio and Robert Chandler of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will hold private services. Burial will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Care House for Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Goshen.

Elizabeth Hochstetler

TOPEKA — Elizabeth R. Hochstetler, 90, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She had been a bookeeper for Hochstetler & Sons of Topeka, which was family-owned. Earlier in life, she worked at the Emma Store when it first opened.

Mrs. Hochstetler was born April 29, 1999 in Milo, N. D., to Calvin G. and Anna (Eash) Ringler.

She married Orner J. Hochstetler on June 2, 1935. They moved to LaGrange County in 1937. Mr. Hochstetler died Dec. 19, 1965.

Mrs. Hochstetler was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church, where she taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Women's Association and the Women's Sewing and Quilting Circle.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hochstetler was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Edwin (Bud) Ringler, and three sisters, LaVerna Yoder, Beulah Redford and Katherine Hershberger.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law Bill and Norma Hochstetler and James and Barbara Hochstetler, all of Topeka; three brothers, Jim Ringler of Colorado Springs, Colo., Joe Ringler of Sturgis, Mich., and Tim Ringler of Ligonier; one sister, Naomi Egbert of Goshen, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Topeka Mennonite Church. Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the Topeka Mennonite Church.

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Jason Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Jason Lee Yoder, 19, of rural Shipshewana, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in a vehicle accident east of LaGrange.

He was a 2000 graduate of Westview High School, where he played varsity basketball for the 1999 and 2000 state championship teams. He played college basketball for Manchester College and Northwest College of Lima, Ohio. He worked at Keystone RV and part-time for the Shipshewana Auction.

Jason Yoder

He was born Jan. 27, 1982, in Goshen, to Herman and Lydia (Bontrager) Yoder, and they survive in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Levi and Susan Yoder and Katie Bontrager, all of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Valerie and Matthew Barkes and Melissa Yoder, all of Shipshewana; two nieces, Kellee and Elizabeth Barkes of Shipshewana; and his special friend, Jenny Lambright.

His grandfather, Ammon J. Bontrager, preceded him in death Sept. 28, 2000.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle and the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Westview Athletic Department for support of youth basketball programs.

Lila Frisch

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Lila L. Frisch, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002 in Toledo Hospital.

Mrs. Frisch was a homemaker in Fostoria and worked at Ford Motor Co. in the early 1950s. She was a 1944 graduate of Risingsun High School and a member of St. Wendelin Catholic Church and its rosary society, Daughters of Isabella, Catholic Ladies of Columbia, and West Millgrove Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 18, 1925, in Risingsun, Ohio, to Carol and Florence (Main) Chalfin.

She married Philip W. Frisch on Oct. 26, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Millersville, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Philip E. Frisch, Michael L. Frisch and Tony J. Frisch, all of Fostoria; four daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia and Tom Havey of Auburn, Jeannine and Alan Aufdencamp of Arcadia, Ohio, Laurie and Joseph Steyer of Toledo, and Teresa and John Weber of Fostoria; one brother, Carl "Eddie" Chalfin Jr. of Risingsun; one sister, Cora Stotler of Alvada, Ohio; 31 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Constance Schumaker-Daniel; two sons, Joseph and Martin Frisch; three brothers, Charles, Harold "Bud" and Gerald "Bus" Chalfin; and one sister, Margaret Risner.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Wendelin Catholic Church, Fostoria. A rosary service will begin Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in St. Wendelin Parish Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. in Hoening Funeral Home, Fostoria. A CL of C memorial service will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. A Christian wake service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Wendelin Church and Schools or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hoeningfuneralhome.com.

Sheldon Richards

HUNTERTOWN — Sheldon E. Richards, 81, of Huntertown, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richards was employed in the diamond die industry most of his life, and retired in 1983 as a machine shop foreman for Ajax Diamond Die in Fort Wayne after 32 years. He was a natural handyman and enjoyed electronics, TV repair and woodworking. He attended LaOtto School and was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

He was born March 12, 1920, in DeKalb County, to Charles Washington and Georgia Laverne (Bradley) Richards. On July 6, 1940, he married Catherine Marie Cox in Leo, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2000. Three brothers, Robert, Billie and Albert A. Richards, are also deceased.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon K. and Larry Burgess of Huntertown and Karen M. Kikly and Penny L. Felger, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond and Elizabeth Richards of Fort Wayne and Charles W. Richards Jr. of Quincy, Mich.; a sister, Millie Louise Middaugh of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lois Watkins of LaOtto Wesleyan Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church building fund. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Charles Haupt

FORT WAYNE — Charles A. Haupt, 74, died Sunday at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System.

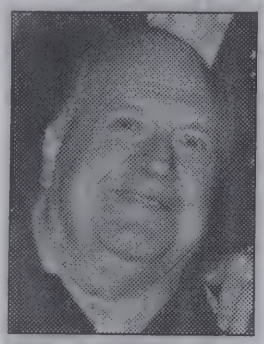
Mr. Haupt was a self-employed home builder in Fort Wayne and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in DeKalb County.

Surviving are his wife, Wanita E.; a daughter, Kristine Parrish of Grabill; two sons, Douglas of Hoagland and Dennis of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Anna Ruth Girton of Orland, Rosie Laux of Hicksville, Ohio, and Marie Haupt of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lawrence of Las Vegas and Dale of Deltona, Fla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or Worship for Shut-Ins.



Arnold Link

AUBURN — Arnold L. Link, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Link was a tool maker at Auburn Rubber Co. for 33 years, then worked at Rinehart Development Co. for six years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn, and attended First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born Sept. 10, 1911, in Benzonia, Mich., to Evan D. and Nida L. (Creamer) Link.

He married Dorothy Purdy on June 3, 1933, and she died in 1942. He married Mabel Schagel on June 21, 1945, and she died in 1986.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Myers of Auburn; two sisters, Wilma Carper and Maysa Guinn, both of Auburn; two brothers, Milo Link of Mio, Mich., and Curtis Link of Auburn; two grandchildren, Mark Myers of Waterloo and Christine Thomas of Auburn; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Lloyd Eugene Link, and one brother, Herschel Link.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Vanselow will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Samuel Howard Rodman**, 90, died Friday at Kingston of Ligonier. Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Jim Barnes officiating. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A private burial will be held at a later date.

LAGRANGE — **Eva V. Brady**, 99, died Saturday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

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Iris Powell

AUBURN — Iris A. Powell, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Powell worked at Marshall Clothing Co. for 12 years and at the Five & Dime Store in Auburn for three years. After retiring, she was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of DeKalb, Steuben, Noble and LaGrange Counties.

She lived in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Chatter Belles Extension Homemakers Club and RSVP.

She was born Oct. 31, 1914, in Edgerton, Williams County, Ohio, to Frank and Cora Etta (Walters) Dove.

She married Harold Powell on May 1, 1937. He died March 2, 1981.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Two brothers, Harold and Arthur Dove, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 15, 2002 (cont'd)

This obituary is being republished with corrected information about memorials.

Nora Wilson

BUTLER — Nora Belle Wilson, 72, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at her residence in Butler.

Mrs. Wilson was a bus driver for handicapped students, retiring in 1985 after 17 1/2 years of service. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ and Butler Eagles Lodge.

She was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Williams County, Ohio, to Leslie and Viola (Favourite) Strup.

Her husband, Lewis A. Wilson, preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1988.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Charles and Monica Wilson of Butler, Richard and Nancy Wilson of Hudson, Dennis and Debbie Wilson of Hamilton, Brian and Judy Wilson of Butler and John Wilson of Butler; two daughters, Teresa Grate of Hamilton and Lorna Wilson of Butler; three brothers, John Strup of Edon, Ohio, Charles Strup of Delta, Ohio and Joe Strup of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Julie Peterson of Edon, Ohio, Edith Decan of Angola, and Rose Miller of New Haven; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A son, Michael, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Memorials are to Christ's Church in Butler.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Miller

KINGSFORD HEIGHTS, Ind. — Donald W. Miller, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at 7 a.m. in Valparaiso Care & Rehabilitation Center after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Miller retired from Bendix Corp. in South Bend as a machine set-up man. He had lived in Kingsford Heights since 1938. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater.

He was a member of the National Republican Party, Indiana Republican Party and LaPorte County Republican Party. He was a Union Township vice precinct committeeman.

He was a former member of Zook Farrington American Legion Post and a longtime member of LaPorte Aero Club. He was the former chief of the Kingsford Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Miller was born Aug. 13, 1918, in Auburn to Joe and Mary (Clouse) MIller.

He married Eva E. Stroh on May 14, 1938, in LaPorte. She died July 31, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Coral and John Laun of Kingsford Heights; one son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Brenda Miller of Grovertown; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Helen Huntsman of Payne, Ohio, and Joanne and James Fitch of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Ruth Miller of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Lela Rathert, and a brother, Keith Miller, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Essling Funeral Home, 1117 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, with the Rev. William Babb officiating.

Burial will be in Patton Cemetery with military services by the Zook Farrington American Legion Post.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. and Thursday after 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Richard A. Simmons**, 37, died Sunday. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola. Calling Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

FREMONT — **Phyllis D. Fink**, 68, died Sunday. Memorial services Friday at 1 p.m. in Charity United Baptist Church, C.R. 900 East and C.R. 100 South, LaGrange. No calling. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

ALEXANDRIA — **Duane A. Dinehart**, 51, of Alexandria, died Saturday at Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Danville, Ill. Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Owens Funeral Home, 412 N. Harrison St., Alexandria, with the Rev. Tim Fleace of First Christian Church of Alexandria officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial with military honors will be in Park View Cemetery, Alexandria.

ROME CITY — **Rosemary Williams**, 81, of Rome City, died Friday at Lakeview Hospital in Paw Paw, Mich. Services were held today at 11 a.m. at Cowan & Son Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Mike McKinnie of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sharon L. "Sheri" Berhalter**, 53, of Kendallville, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Jack Wolfe

NASHVILLE, Ind. — Jack K. Wolfe, 72, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 15, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Columbus, Ind.

Mr. Wolfe retired in July 1989 as a union brick mason and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a member of Leo Masonic Lodge 224, F.& A.M., and the Bloomington post of the American Legion.

He was born July 9, 1929, in Leo to Edward Keith and Flossie (Favourite) Wolfe. His mother survives in Leo and his father preceded him in death in 1954.

He married Rita Henderson on Aug. 18, 1978, in Franklin, Ind., and she survives in Nashville.

Also surviving are two sons, Jack K. Wolfe Jr. of Suwanee, Ga., and Erick K. Wolfe of Grabill; one daughter, Yvette Flanagan of Auburn; one stepson, John Fitzsimmons Jr. of Tennessee; three stepdaughters, Nina Burton and Rita Grube, both of Columbus, and Tyra Jenkins of Charlottesville, Ind.; one brother, Edward K. Wolfe of St. Paul, Minn.; two sisters, Wilma Martin of Clarkdale, Ariz., and Doris Rhonemus of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor John Erwin and Steve McCullough officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Ted Winebrenner

AUBURN — Ted Junior Winebrenner, 82, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Winebrenner

He formerly lived in Auburn. He retired in 1976 as a mail carrier for the Auburn post office after 30 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1942 to 1947.

Mr. Winebrenner belonged to the USS Intrepid Association, United Masonic Lodge 214, Auburn American Legion Post 97, Rural Carriers Association, St. John's United Methodist Church in Sebring and the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born March 15, 1909, in Auburn to Terance W. and Katherine (Greer) Winebrenner.

Surviving are his wife, Lula Mae (Underwood) Winebrenner; two sons, Dexter Winebrenner of Corunna and R. Max Moore of Griffin, Ga.; two daughters, Cassandra Litwinko of Fairpoint, N.Y., and Karen Thompson of Park City, Ind., and Sebring; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgianna (Souder), in November 1979; a daughter, Harriett Shideler Lynn, in 1998; and a half-brother, Richard Davidson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Steve Brittenham will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — Word has been received that former Rome City resident **William Charles Schell**, 72, died Sept. 1, 2001, in Parker, near Denver, Colo.

LIGONIER — **Leonard C. Gard**, 64, died Tuesday at home. Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Randy Miller officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

ROME CITY — **Sharon L. "Sheri" Berhalter**, 53, of Rome City, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from complications following surgery. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m.

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Lionel Teixeira

AUBURN — Memorial services for Lionel E. Teixeira, 79, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Tom Vanselow will officiate.

Mr. Teixeira died Jan. 20, 2001, in Auburn. He was a janitor for the McIntosh School for 10 years and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He was born June 25, 1921, in South America.

Surviving are his wife, Rose (Bastan) Teixeira of Auburn; one son, Andrew Teixeira of Auburn; two sisters, Greta Longergan of Fort Wayne and Norma Teixeira of Auburn; and his mother-in-law, Farrield Bastan of Auburn.

One sister, Pat, and his parents preceded him in death.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Gavin Marks

GRABILL — Gavin Loki Marks, infant, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital.

Surviving are his mother, Jessica D. Brown of Grabill; his father, Christopher R. Marks of Grabill; a sister, Kristen A. Marks of Fort Wayne; and his grandparents, Keith and Phyllis Brown of Grabill, David Marks of Fort Wayne and Eileen Marks of Garrett.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lennie Gipple

ASHLEY — Lennie Lee Gipple, 50, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Gipple worked at Rise Inc. of Angola and lived in Ashley. He enjoyed participating in the Special Olympics.

He was born Aug. 9, 1951, at Angola to Otis "Bill" and Josephine (Cline) Gipple. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; three half-brothers, Gerald Bowerman (and his wife, Rosalie) of Ashley, with whom he lived, Jay Bowerman of Angola and Max Gipple of Ashley; three half-sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton, Mary Getts of Kendallville and Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

One half-brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rise Inc.

Roland Rohr

FORT WAYNE — Roland "Gene" Rohr, 62, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2001, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne worked as a manager at Fort Wayne Auto Parts for 21 years.

Surviving are his wife, Anna G.; two sons, Dan of Minster, Ohio and Mike of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Larry Lane of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Donna Custer of Garrett; three brothers, Jack of Fort Wayne, Ted of Ossian and Bob of Roanoke; two sisters, Linda Hulvey of Yoder and Sandra Voirol of Woodburn; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Jean Sanders

ORLAND — Jean E. Sanders, 84, of Orland, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Sanders taught at grade schools in Orland, Butler and Ashley. She was a graduate of Ashley High School and Ball State University.

She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church and the Order of Eastern Star 229 at Ashley.

She was born July 6, 1917, in Steuben County to Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler. Her mother survives in Rome City.

She married William F. Sanders on Aug. 25, 1945, in Angola. He died Feb. 17, 1972.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mildred Ruth Stroh of Angola and Mary Strawser of Rome City; and two brothers, James Butler of Angola and Richard Butler of Springfield, Ohio.

A brother, Ralph Butler, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service beginning at 7 p.m. Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Lois M. Steiner**, 80, of Angola, died Wednesday in Ocala, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

FREMONT — **Donald D. Parsons**, 74, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

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Floyd Mosley

AUBURN — Floyd Mosley, 64, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at his Auburn home.

He was a coal Miner in Floyd County, Ky., for 16 years and also worked at Kendallville Foundry for five years. He lived in Garrett for 18 years and in Auburn for the past year. He was a member of Community Baptist Church near South Milford.

He was born April 29, 1937, to Ben and Dollie (Moore) Mosley. He married Georgene Spears on April 19, 1957 in Prestonsburg, Ky., and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Troy of Auburn, Donald and Cathleen of Kendallville, Douglas and Tammy and Timothy and Veronica, all of Garrett, Larry and Suzanne of Corunna and Jerry and Ruthie of Wolcottville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Ossie and Fred Stenner, Connie and Ray Dorton, Carolyn and Terry Gibson and Patricia and Casey Slone, all of Garrett, and Teresa and Bud Mosley of Auburn; two brothers, Earl of McDowell, Ky., and Ruby Arnold of Ohio; four sisters, Cynthia Chaffins of McDowell, Ky., Louvennie Bolen of Wolcottville, Rosetta Arnold of Dayton, Ohio and Pearlie Arnold of Florida; 31 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 12 brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, South Milford, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Calling will be Friday after 2 p.m. and all day Saturday at the church, with evening services at 7 p.m. both nights. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Elva Hoover

SPENCERVILLE — Elva M. Hoover, 96, died Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, 2002, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hoover had worked at Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe. She was a past member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and its Women's Circle, Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 386 in Spencerville, and the Spencer Belles Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born Nov. 24, 1905, in Harlan to Wilford and Anna Elizabeth (Killian) Bush.

She married Ray Hoover on Oct. 20, 1924, in Fort Wayne. He died Nov. 28, 1966.

Surviving are three daughters-in-law, Evelyn Hoover of Muncie, and Helen Hoover and Janet Hoover, both of Spencerville; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Carl Hoover in January 1994, Jacob Hoover in July 1991, and Herbert "Bob" Hoover in March 1975, and one daughter, Maxine Kugler in September 2000.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with burial in White City Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathyCBW@aol.com.

Anita Renner

LAKELAND, Fla. — Anita Frances Renner, 78, died Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, 2002, at her Lakeland, Fla., residence after an extended illness.

Mrs. Renner

Mrs. Renner was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne until 1990, when she moved to Lakeland. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1941.

She was born March 16, 1923, in Huntington to Hubert and Hattie (Young) Phelps.

She married George R. Renner on Nov. 26, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nev., while he was in military service. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and one son-in-law, Linda and Max Gay of Churubusco, and Barbara Penn-Renner, Martha Renner and Deborah Mirante, all of Lakeland; one son, Robert R. Renner of Lakeland; 10 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Judy Renner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Ken Robinson, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Avilla, will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Richard Lowman

DEARBORN, Mich. — Richard L. Lowman, 76, of Dearborn, Mich., died Jan. 10, 2002, at Garden City Hospital.

He graduated from Waterloo High School and attended Indiana University for two years before becoming a tower operator for the New York Central railroad. He retired after 44 years as supervisor of transportation and train dispatcher with that railroad and its affiliates.

He was born in Waterloo to Lester L. and Mary E. Lowman. His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death. A brother, Lester, is also deceased.

Surviving are five children, Laura, Susan and Mark of Dearborn, Elizabeth of San Antonio, Texas, and Eric of Wilmington, Del.; eight grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, John and Joyce Lowman of Waterville, Ohio and Donn Lowman of Waterloo.

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C. Frederick Beeching

FORT WAYNE — C. Frederick Beeching, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Union Township, Whitley County. He retired in 1978 as a model maker in the electronics industry at Magnavox, and he also managed and operated a family farm.

His first wife, E. Opal Humbarger, died in 1962. His second wife, Eileen E. Leininger, died in 1976. Two stepdaughters, Joan P. Linnemeier and Linda L. Pettigrew, are also deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda L. Beeching of Columbia City; two daughters, Marlyn Pleiman of Findlay, Ohio and Jana Thompson of Van Wert, Ohio; two sons, Donald of Harrisburg, Pa. and Robert of Chicago; three stepsons, James Pettigrew of Columbia City, Steve Pettigrew of Huntington and Dennis Pettigrew of Butler; three stepdaughters, Victoria Golembiewski of Porter, Dianne Schoeff of Los Angeles and Paula Cotterly of Denver; 23 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorials are to SouthernCare Hospice, 4666 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 170, Fort Wayne IN 46804. For more information, visit www.demoneygrines.com and select the family register book.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Donald Dean Parsons**, 74, died Wednesday. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

MIDDLEBURY — **Clemen Miller Jr.**, 72, of Middlebury, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital on his 37th wedding anniversary. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, and one hour prior to services at the church on Sunday. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

LEESBURG — **Dorothea Engle**, 90, died Thursday at Goshen General Hospital. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Leesburg Grace Brethren Church in Leesburg. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery, North Webster.

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Lionel Teixeira

AUBURN — Memorial services for Lionel E. Teixeira, 79, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Tom Vanselow will officiate.

Mr. Teixeira died Jan. 20, 2001, in Auburn. He was a janitor for the McIntosh School for 10 years and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He was born June 25, 1921, in South America.

Surviving are his wife, Rose (Bastan) Teixeira of Auburn; one son, Andrew Teixeira of Auburn; two sisters, Greta Lonergan of Fort Wayne and Norma Teixeira of Auburn; and his mother-in-law, Farrield Bastan of Auburn.

One sister, Pat, and his parents preceded him in death.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Joan Cook

STRATHROY, Ontario, Canada — Joan Cook, 71, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, in Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

Mrs. Cook was born Feb. 2, 1930, in DeKalb County to C. Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary.

She married Lorin E. Cook on June 4, 1949, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Judith Parkin of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and Cheryl Reid of Pictou, Nova Scotia; four sons, Larry, Brooks and Nathan, all of Leamington, Ontario, and Andrew of Prince Rupert; six sisters, Doris Matherly of Elkhart, Audrie Walter of Wolcottville, Opal Mason of St. Joe, Ruth Fetters of Wawaka, Alice Yarde of Garrett and Mary Lou Baughman of Butler; and 10 grandchildren.

Four brothers, Forest "Bud," Donald, Floyd and Max, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 152 Albert St., Strathroy.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 19, 2002 (cont'd)

Lois Marie Steiner

ANGOLA — Lois Marie Steiner, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at noon in Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

Mrs. Steiner resided at Lake James, Angola, in the summers and spent winters in Ocala, Fla. She had worked as a newscaster at WTVB and WANG Radio in Angola. She was a Bible Bowl coach and activities director at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church and Salt Springs Christian Church in Salt Springs, Fla.

She was born Sept. 25, 1921, in Columbus Grove, Ohio, to Walter and Viola E. (Gratz) Neuenschwander.

She married Maurice J. Steiner on May 18, 1943, in Lima, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Maurice Lynn Steiner and Patricia Hayes of Marietta, Ga., and Samuel Steiner and Kay Peters of Grabill; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sybil and John Love of Angola, and Cathy and Robert Thiess of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Kenneth Neuenschwander of Fort Wayne and Don Neuenschwander of Angola; two sisters, Magdalene Becker of Lakeland, Fla., and Maxine Zuercher of Belle Fourches, S.D.; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

One son, Ralph D., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in Angola Christian Church, 500 W. Maumee St., with calling after 2 p.m. Samuel Steiner of Grabill and Robert Knowlton of the Angola Christian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

A memorial service will be held Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in Salt Springs Christian Church.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly.

Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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Jonathon Rupert

ATLANTA, Ga. — Jonathon Alan Rupert, 39, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2002, in Atlanta after an extended illness.

He was born March 4, 1963, in Auburn to Paul A. Rupert and Jeanine (Whitaker) Bolen. He attended West Noble High School

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Paul and Ruth (Cook) Rupert of Ligonier; his stepfather, Carl Bolen of Winamac; his wife, Ann Rupert, a daughter, Ashley Rose, and two sons, Christopher and Nicholas, all of Atlanta; four sisters, Shawn Ritchie of Elijay, Ga., Laura Freeman of Macy, Paulett Rupert of Tennessee and Rebecca of Ligonier; six brothers, Chad of Ohio, Charles of Winamac, and Daniel, Robert, Sean and Michael, all of Ligonier; grandmothers Irene Rupert of Kendallville and Wanetta Cook of Rome City and numerous aunts, uncles and foster children.

Burial will be in Atlanta.

Sylvia Wells

PLEASANT LAKE — Sylvia M. Wells, 91, of rural Pleasant Lake died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 12:20 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Wells was a homemaker and attended the Independent Full Gospel Church of Ashley-Hudson.

She had attended schools in St. Joe and Spencerville.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in Spencerville to Henry and Bertha (Boutcher) Curry.

She married William J. Wells on Sept. 8, 1926. He died Oct. 31, 1966.

Survivors include two daughters, Berniece A. Jackson of Hudson and Betty L. Wells of Pleasant Lake; one stepdaughter, Virginia Freeman of Auburn; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lewis A. Wells, and a daughter, Judith A. Kistler.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Helen Griffith

ANGOLA - Helen B. Griffith, 86, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Griffith was an Angola resident and a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in South Daytona, Fla.; a member of Eastern Star for more than 50 years and a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church for more than 40 years.

She was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Damon and Alta (Sriver) Teeters.

Her husband, Maurice Griffith, preceded her in death on June 8, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy Faecke of South Bend and Barbara Griem of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Phyllis Kissel of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Alice Seavey of Alyn, Wash.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Wilber and Richard Teeters, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Evening Star, Sun., Jan. 20, 2002 (cont'd)

Timothy Culbertson

AUBURN — Timothy Andrew Culbertson, 23, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at 4:41 a.m. at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Culbertson

He was a member of County Line Church of God. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 2001. He enjoyed the Special Olympics and attending DeKalb Barons games. He will be remembered as a charismatic individual who had an outgoing personality and was a joy to those who knew him.

He was born in Auburn on Dec. 7, 1978, to Wayne and Jean (Carey) Culbertson.

Surviving are his parents; one brother, Adam W. Culbertson at Indiana University in Bloomington; one sister and brother-in-law, Rachel A. and Scott Boles of Fort Wayne; grandmothers Virginia Romine and Marilyn Culbertson and a grandfather, Vernon D. Culbertson, all of Auburn; and a great-grandmother, Dorothy Culbertson of Auburn.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Howard Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

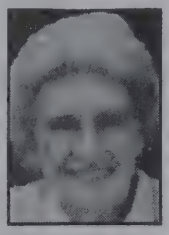
Calling is Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God basketball court building fund, Youth For Christ or Children First Center.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Martha Bollman

WOLF LAKE — Martha L. Bollman, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana where she had been a patient since Jan. 8.



Mrs. Bollman

Mrs. Bollman was employed by Essex Corp., Ligonier, and retired from Wolf Lake Products at Wolf Lake after many years of service. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Methodist Church.

She was born April 21, 1918, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Clarence and Katherine Beck Hammons. Her family moved to Fort Wayne when she was small child. She completed her education in the Fort Wayne school system.

She married Franz Olan Bollman on Oct. 2, 1936. They lived in Fort Wayne before coming to Noble County in 1947. They bought their home at Bear Lake, near Wolf Lake, in 1951. Her husband died July 16, 1975.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jennifer Bollman of Allen, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Frank and Karen Stewart of Albion; five grandchildren, Troy Stewart, Twyla Mabie, Tracy Stewart, Larisa Bollman Lowe and Emily Bollman; five great-grandchildren, Ashley Stewart, Rochelle Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Trenton Marsh and Ethan Marsh; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Maryetta and Jim Parker of Rome City, and Margaret Wells of Waynedale.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Burl, Bobbie and Harold Hammons, and three sisters, Florence Cox, Alice Breault and Dena Connett.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with Pastor Wray McCalester of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Helen White

PLYMOUTH — Helen A. White, 73, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 11:11 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following an extended illness.

For the past 12 years she had resided with her son, Jack, in Plymouth. She came to Plymouth from West Virginia and was formerly a resident of Ligonier.

In Ligonier, she worked for the Ligonier Rubber Co. She was also a nurse's aide for nursing homes in West Virginia, near Charleston.

She had an extensive doll collection, was a gardener and loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

She was born in Cabin Creek, W. Va., on April 30, 1928, to E.A. and Ida Mae Binnion Carrol. She attended Leewood Junior/Senior High School.

She married World War II veteran Robert E. White in April 1945 in Cabin Creek. He died April 25, 1974.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Mary White of Cabin Creek, W.Va., Roger L. and Alma White of Charleston, W.Va., Jack W. and Priscilla White and Jeffrey A. White, all of Plymouth; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Raymond Cook of Charleston W.Va. and Pamela S. and Brandon Eidson of Goshen; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and one brother, E.A. Carrol Jr. of Globe, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mildred Carrol; and two grandsons, Trenton Andrew White and Joey Beverly.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Dave Severance, chaplain with V.N.A. Home Care of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, will officiate. Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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James Whittecar

GARRETT — James Joseph Whittecar, 69, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002.

Mr. Whittecar was a trackman for the B&O Railroad, retiring in 1992 after 38 1/2 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Garrett to Myron Eugene Whittecar and Esther Marie (Deuitch) Whittecar.

Surviving are one brother, Eugene J. Whittecar of LaGrange; one sister, Shirley Emenhiser of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Monroe and David Whittecar; and two sisters, Patricia Whittecar and Mary Rose Tuttle.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Linda Taylor

ALBION — Linda L. Taylor, 61, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 1:32 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor had worked for Piqua Pick & Sew, West Noble School Corp., Lyall Electric and Sroude Manufacturing. She loved sewing, painting, making crafts and homemade candy.

She spent most of her life in Noble County.

She was a former member of the Goldwing Road Riders Association Chapter Q of northeast Indiana. She loved sewing, crafts, painting and making homemade candy.

She was born March 27, 1940, in Green Township of Noble County to Leonard and Mildred (Harlan) Addis.

She married Larry Taylor on Sept. 24, 1960, at Center Chapel Church in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kevin and Julie Kelham of Kendallville and Janice Taylor of Syracuse; two sons, Mark A. Taylor of North Webster and Monte Taylor of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kelham, Brandon Kelham, Anthony Taylor, Terry Taylor and Kevin Taylor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Edith Addis of Churubusco, and Duane and Chris Addis of Huntertown.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion. The Rev. Nancy Ferguson will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rush Presbyterian Cancer Research, Chicago.

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Meredith VanZile

GARRETT — Meredith VanZile, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at 3:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. VanZile was a printing press operator at Lincoln Printing, retiring in 1980. He played the trumpet with many bands in the area.

Mr. VanZile

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and had been a Garrett resident since 1945, when he moved from Auburn. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Oct. 9, 1917, in Auburn to Jay and Amanda (Neuhouser) VanZile.

He married Rosemarie Deher on Sept. 27, 1941, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dan VanZile of Hollywood, Fla.; three daughters, Polly Locke of Fort Wayne, Monica Parry of Indianapolis and Beth Lynch of Alpharetta, Ga.; and nine grandchildren.

A brother, Robert VanZile, and a sister, Phyllis Thomas, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling there after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m.Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Evening Star, Thur., Jan. 21, 2002 (cont'd)

Lawrence Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence J. Whalen, 73, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at The Lamplighter in Kendallville.

He was in the plumbing and electrical business and worked for Rex Watson Plumbing in Avilla and for Paul Becker and Sons. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville and the American Legion.

He was born March 25, 1928, in Chicago, to James and Ethel (Gardner) Whalen.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Kim Ramer of Kendallville; three stepsons, Rick Haslett of Kendallville, Randy Dodson of Albion and Sterling Bastin of Ashley; Pete White of Chicago, with whom he was raised like a brother; and three sisters, Mary Stuber, Anna Mae McGrath and Kathy Schuller, all of Chicago.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before services on Wednesday. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Freda M. Rouhier

Snow Lake, Fremont – 1917-2002

Freda M. Rouhier, 85, of Snow Lake, Fremont, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The DeKalb County native was a homemaker and a graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne. Surviving are a son, Douglas of Fremont; a daughter, Christine Gardener of Alabama; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit V.; and two brothers. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont. There is no calling. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Information provided by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, 1-219-495-2915.

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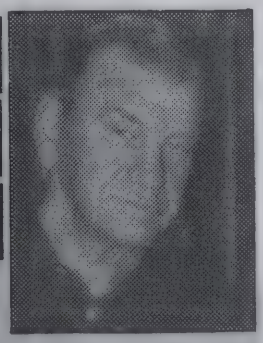
Clarence "Burt" Powell

Fort Wayne



Clarence "Burt" Powell, 75, of Fort Wayne, a World War II Navy veteran, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at home.

"He enjoyed weekend farming in Steuben County and was a boating enthusiast." The Deshler, Ohio, native retired in 1992 from Millers Delivery Service as a contract mail driver after 20 years of service and had worked for Burroughs Corp. for 30 years as a salesman. He was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 178 in Garrett. Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou; sons John B. of Fort Wayne, Joe C. of Chicago and Tom L. of Allen, Texas; sisters Miriam Zentegrebe of Naples, Fla., and Lois Powell of Dallas; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Burial with military graveside services will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Memorials are to Boy Scouts of America-Anthony Wayne Area Council or American Diabetes Association.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002

Donna Mitchener

AUBURN — Donna L. Mitchener, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mitchener

Mrs. Mitchener worked in inventory control for 30 years at Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, where she was a member of the Wesleyan Circle and past president of the United Methodist Women. She also was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett Eagles Lodge and Heimach Senior Center, where she was named Woman of the Year in 1993. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1937.

Mrs. Mitchener had been a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital since 1973, at the Curiosity Shop since 1981, and at the Christian Assembly Bookstore at Lake James.

She was born July 16, 1918, in DeKalb County to Oliver E. and Lois J. (Wyatt) Carper.

Her husband, Robert D. Mitchener, died in 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Jack A. Mitchener of Auburn and Gene R. Mitchener of Chattsworth, Calif.; one sister, Velma G. Gerig of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Three brothers, Arden, Chalmer and Coral Carper, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center or Crippled Children's Association.

Gerry DeHoff Jr.

FAIRFAX, Va. — Gerry B. DeHoff Jr., 51, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in Fairfax, Va.

Mr. DeHoff was a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army for 24 years, followed by two years of civilian service as an intelligence specialist. During his service he supported the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Joint Special Operations Command with overseas tours of duty in Korea and Japan. He was involved within the military and intelligence agencies during the Cold War years through the 1980s.

During his service, he received two Army Commendation medals, four Meritorious Service medals, the Army Achievement Medal, three Joint Meritorious Unit awards, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and two Overseas Service ribbons. He was honored by the Office of Special Operations Integration, consisting of Airborne, Rangers and Delta Force, and the U.S. Army Field Support Center.

He grew up in DeKalb County, Ga., where he graduated from Lakeside High School in 1968. He attended the University of South Carolina and received a bachelor's degree in international studies from George Washington University.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Anne DeHoff of Birmingham, Ala.; his parents, Gerry B. and Laurene (Mendenhall) DeHoff; and a sister, Susan L. DeHoff of Shrewsbury, Mass. His father was a 1937 graduate of Kendallville High School and his mother was a 1939 graduate of Auburn High School.

Moser Funeral Home Inc., 233 Broadview Ave., Warrenton VA 20186 is in charge of arrangements.

William Beard

LAGRANGE — William E. Beard, 61, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a spray painter at Master Quality Finishing in LaGrange. He was a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge and the LaGrange Eagles Lodge.

He was born March 3, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Edward and Golda (Gray) Beard. On Feb. 16, 1980, in LaGrange, he married Joyce D. Burton. His mother and wife survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Kim Starkler of South Bend, Wendy Grandstaff of Howe, Robbie and Tom Miller and Lena and Mark Fennell of LaGrange, Connie and Rick Frost of Garrett and Kathy Baker of Hillard, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bart and Marlene Beard of Fremont; a son-in-law and his wife, Todd and Janet Prough of Shipshewana; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at LaGrange Missionary Church, with the Rev. Ray Bachman officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Wallace C. Reed**, 56, died Monday. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

HARTFORD CITY — **Betty L. McClain Sills**, 62, died Sunday at Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Glancy Funeral Home, Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Montpelier.

SEBRING, Fla. — **Cora M. Eder**, 83, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Rome City, died Tuesday at the I.H.S. facility in Sebring.

KENDALLVILLE — **Juanita N. Mauldin**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview-Noble Hospital. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Giebel officiating. There will be no calling. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

NEW CASTLE — **George Robert Misener**, 77, died Monday at home. Services will be held Thurday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002

Pete Toarmina

NEW HAVEN — Pete F. Toarmina, 41, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at home.

He was self-employed and a substitute teacher at DeKalb County schools. He also coached wrestling at Leo High School for eight years, serving four years as assistant and four as head coach.

He was born in Los Angeles and lived in Grabill.

Surviving are his parents, Sam and Jerry Toarmina of Apple Valley, Calif.; and a brother, Mark, also of Apple Valley.

Private family services will be held. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Wallace C. Reed**, 57, died Monday in his home in Fremont. Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beams

Funeral Home of Fremont. Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2002

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Marion C. Sprowl**, 67, of Angola, died Tuesday at 7:51 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Calling at the funeral home Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and Saturday from 9-10 a.m.

WAWAKA — **Shirley Mae Nicodemus**, 65, of Wawaka, died Tuesday in Monroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Harley J. Hochstetler**, 58, of LaGrange, died Wednesday at home. Services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence in LaGrange, with Bishop Martin Yoder and the Rev. Mose Mast officiating. Calling will be at the family home after 4 p.m. today and all day Friday. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bess L. Rice**, 70, of Kendallville, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. Services will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill, with the Rev. Jim Bartlett officiating. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the nursing home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ollie D. Hamdin**, 57, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and Friday after 2 p.m. at the church, with services at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Frank Butler Sr.

AUBURN — Frank R. Butler Sr., 62, died Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22, 2002, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Butler was an assembler at Advance Mixer until 1981. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Spencerville to Charles and Georgia (Dunn) Butler.

Surviving are two sons, Frank R. Butler Jr. of Spencerville and Charles Butler of Auburn; one daughter, Monika Gaona of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Donald Butler of Florida; a sister, Sandy Puckett of Bradenton, Fla.; and three granddaughters, Kayla, Angelika and Kristina Gaona, all of Pleasant Lake.

A brother, John Daniel Butler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society-DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to sympathyCBW@aol.com.

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THE EVENING STAR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002

Patricia Means

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Patricia Ann Means, 59, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at 4:17 a.m. at Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio, where she had been a patient for 10 days.

Mrs. Means had worked at Electric Motors in Garrett and also at Thrifty Discount Store in Hicksville for many years. She lived on West High Street in Hicksville and was a member of Hicksville Church of Christ and Hicksville Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born June 14, 1942, in Camden, Mich., to Tom and Fonda (Brown) Gordon. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, Randy Gordon of St. Louis, Mo., and Clark Poth, David Carwile and Scott Carwile, all of Hicksville; one sister, Geraldine Nold of St. Charles, Mo.; one brother, Tom Gordon of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and 12 grandchildren.

One brother, Steven Hicks, and one sister, Linda Gillespie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Ken Wellman, minister of the Hicksville Church of Christ, will officiate.

Calling is Saturday after 4 p.m. and Sunday after noon in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles Ladies Auxiliary will conduct services Saturday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Harold Arney Jr.

VICTOR, N.Y. — Harold E. "Hal" Arney Jr., 68, of Victor, N.Y., died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at his home.

He was born Oct. 29, 1933, in Three Rivers, Mich. to Harold Arney Sr. and Pearl "Dollie" Yanka Arney.

He was raised in Ashley, where his family owned a farm and a feed mill. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1951.

In 1955, Mr. Arney earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University. He also attended George Washington University in pursuit of a master's degree in industrial psychology.

He married Marilyn McKendrick on Sept. 21, 1955, and they had five children.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain, and was honorably discharged in 1967.

Mr. Arney took early retirement from Mobil Oil Corp. after 19 years of service. While employed there, he traveled extensively throughout the world and the United States, developing several safety programs for refineries in the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

He owned and operated H.E. Arney Associates Inc., an independent process re-engineering and training development firm, until his retirement to Victor, N.Y. in 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn McKendrick Arney; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and James Attridge of New York and Pamela Pulcini of New York; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harold III and Denise Arney of Indiana, James and Desiree Arney of New Jersey, and David and Maryellen Arney of New Jersey; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Shari Arney of California; 13 grandchildren and two great- grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farmington United Methodist Church, 5925 County Road 41, in Victor, N.Y. Interment will be in Village Cemetery at Macedon.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Lucey-VanVoorhis Funeral Home Inc., 301 W. Main St., Victor, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2113 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Dorothy M. Neihardt**, 82, of Howe, died Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

LIGONIER — **Mary Lou Miller**, 55, died Thursday at home. Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, with the Rev. Gene Troyer and the Rev. Larry George officiating. Calling will be at the church today from 6-8 p.m., Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour before services Sunday. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

AVILLA — **Anthony "Tony" G. Ellert**, 88, died Wednesday at his son's home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

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THE EVENING STAR
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2002

Dzidra Taube

GARRETT — Dzidra Taube, 65, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 5:05 a.m. in her Garrett home.

She was a homemaker and member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She had lived in Garrett for 37 years.

Mrs. Taube was born Sept. 18, 1936, in Latvia, to Janis and Catrina (Lucens) Kupsis.

Mrs. Taube

She married Ziedonis "Sid" Taube on Aug. 15, 1965 in Grand Rapids, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Ingrid Mattes of Yoder; two sons, Richard K. Taube of Fort Wayne and Micheal J. Taube of Kendallville; one brother, Visvaldis Kupsis of Highland, Ind.; two sisters, Rasma McMullen of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Katie Lapins of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling there from noon to 2 p.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ernie Hissong

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ernie G. Hissong, 92, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 1:37 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where he had lived for the past three years.

He worked at Irving Brothers Ready Mix for 30 years, retiring in 1972. He also worked at Scipio Cemetery for over 20 years. He was a member of Hicksville First Church of Christ, Hicksville Eagles and Hicksville Pony Club. He was a caretaker of the race track at the Defiance County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Hissong was born April 24, 1909, in Scipio Township, Allen County, Ind., to Clarence and Jane (Dorsey) Hissong. He attended Braybrook grade school in Scipio Township.

He married Dora Gorrell on Nov. 25, 1933, in Spencerville, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Don Hissong of Hamilton and Eddie Hissong of Springfield, Ohio; three daughters, Donna Wonderly and Joyce Sanders, both of Hicksville, and Jean Ludwig of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Nola Dunmire and Rose Hanna, both of Hicksville, Dorothy Carlisle of Paulding, Ohio, Edith Shipper of South Whitley and Virginia Johnson of Traverse City, Mich.; three brothers, Robert Hissong of Edon, Ohio, David Hissong of Ney, Ohio, and Richard Hissong of Ashley; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Hissong; two sisters, Florence Mathes and Helen Mathes; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 8 a.m. Ken Wellman, minister of the Hicksville First Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Additional calling is Sunday after 5 p.m. in the funeral home. An Eagles service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Church of Christ Building Fund.

Anthony Ellert

AVILLA — Anthony "Tony" G. Ellert, 88, Avilla, died Wednesday at his son's home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mr. Ellert was born July 21, 1913, in Waterloo to Anthony "Dan" and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert.

He was a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn, and also volunteered at Provena Sacred Heart Home for over 25 years. He lived in Avilla for more than 35 years.

He married Mina Hall in England in 1945. She survives in Avilla.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a World War II Army glider pilot.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by a son, Dr. Willliam Ellert of Scottsdale; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sister Marilyn Ellert of Wabash, Susan and John Hatcher of Pontiac, Mich.; Shirley and Michael Pegg of Jacksonville, Ark., Adeline and Larry Sandberg of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Pauline and Marc Vandenband of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Marguerite Harter of Angola; a brother, Herman Ellert of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, three stepgreat-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Augustine and Gilbert Ellert, and a brother-in-law, Louis Harter.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Calling will also be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Gravside services will be conducted by American Legion Post No. 240, Avilla.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or National World War II glider pilot association "Silent Wings."

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2002

Francesco DePaolo

AVILLA — Francesco "Frank" DePaolo, 97, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 5 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. DePaolo was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1966. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Mother Teresa Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

Mr. DePaolo

He was born Oct. 17, 1904, in Borgo Portenope, Calabria, Italy, to Raffaele and Pasquollina (Bonofiglio) DePaolo.

He married Virginia Muzzillo on Oct. 19, 1933, in Garrett and she died Feb. 28, 1975. He married Josephine DeFilippo on July 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne, and she died in December 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jennie DePaolo of Garrett, and Ralph and Carolyn DePaolo of Bloomington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and John Stoody of Fort Wayne, and Mary Rose and David Kimmel of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Vingenza Corelli, Erminia DePaolo and Sarafino Coscarelli, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the 4th Degree Knights standing guard. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mary Ellen Elston

ANGOLA — Mary Ellen "Pat" Elston, 86, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Angola.

Mrs. Elston was a waitress at the Alamo Restaurant, Angola. She also had worked at Wendy's and other restaurants.

She was a members of the Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born on July 26, 1915, at Union City to John and Emma (Moore) Sierer. On Oct. 31, 1936, she married Jay F. Elston. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons, John F. Elston of Fort Wayne, and Robert K. Elston of Angola; one daughter, Shirley Van Dyne of Angola; two sisters, Zana Goodhew of Angola and Willadene Berry of Coldwater, Mich.; and 13 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Clista Hecker, Hattie Williams and Pauline Sierer; and one brother, Ora Sierer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Gideons and/or the Disabled Veterans.

Mona Buttermore

AUBURN — Mona Deskins Buttermore, 82, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Buttermore worked at Cooper Tire Industrial Products. She retired in 1977.

She was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church.

She was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Buchanan County, Va., to Grover Cleveland and Hannah Louisa (Honaker) Keen.

On Aug. 16, 1937, she married Otis Harvey Deskins. He died in 1956. She married Howard Buttermore on July 31, 1970. He died in 1975.

Surviving are a son, Billy Deskins of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Wendy Deskins of Auburn; a daughter, Joan Deskins; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Milton Ratliff of Auburn, Juanita and Denver Colley of Auburn, and Lois and Don High of Corunna; three sisters, Vina Boyd of Keen Mountain, Va., Mae Vandyke of Raven, Va., and Virginia Rife of Pounding Mill, Va.; and nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Gail Deskins; one brother, Hufford Keen; and two sisters, Virgie Keen and Tinia Matney.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn, with Rev. Davis Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

Paul Straub

BUTLER — Paul Straub, 64, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Straub worked in quality control for 30 years. He retired from Food Marketing Company at Fort Wayne in 1995. Mr. Straub was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Aug. 29, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, to Anthony and Evelyn (Liggett) Straub.

On Oct. 27, 1971, he married Carol (Whitling) Straub in Cold Water, Mich. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are one son, Richard Cole of Columbus, Ohio; one stepson, Rick Kaser of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Robin Grooms, of Columbus, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Kandy Duguid of Ashley; two brothers, Tom Straub of Gilroy, Calif., and Don Straub of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Marylin Siechen of Morgan Hill, Calif., Martha Straub of Columbus, Ohio, and Barbara Corchinski of Columbus, Ohio; and five grand children and two step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Max Martin

GARRETT — Max N. Martin, 86, died Saturday Jan. 26, 2002, at his home in Garrett, where he lived since 1972. He had suffered from an extended illness.

Mr. Martin was a foreman for Garrett Electric Motors. He retired on 1977. He was born on April 11, 1915, to Charles Henry and Nellie (Neff) Martin.

Mr. Martin

In 1974, he married Eva Sawyer. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles Martin of Garrett, Larry Martin of Ligionier, and Kenneth Martin of Kendallville; two daughters, Carolyn Martimore of Kendallville and Michelle Saucedo of Fort Wayne; and 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Lakeview Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Berniece James

AVILLA — Berniece O. James, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at 6:25 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. James was a homemaker and had lived in Avilla for three years. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born April 23, 1923, in Blakeslee, Ohio, to Elmer and Julia (Ziegler) Edwards.

Mrs. James

She married George C. James on April 28, 1945, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dwight James of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sandra Lockwood of Waterloo and Karen Carter of Auburn; four sisters, Pauline Selking of Decatur, Carol Baker of Bryan, Ohio, Hilda Akins of St. Joe and Maybelle Blankenbecker of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Roy Edwards, and one sister, Donna Doane, preceded her in death.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Betty Hurt

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty Mirek Hurt, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor at Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Keebler Foods formerly Bachman Foods and was a door greeter for Wal-Mart, Kendallville.

She was born in 1929. She married Joseph P. Mirek. Later she married Dan Hurt.

Surviving are a son, Paul Mirek of Wolcottville; a brother, Robert Kraick of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Edna L. Anderson of Wolcottville, Elizabeth Nott of New Haven, Katherine Shirey of Fort Wayne, Doris Vachon of Fort Wayne and Deloris Faulkner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Mirek.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

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THE EVENING STAR
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002

Duane Fritz

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Duane L. "Snag" Fritz, 68, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 9 p.m. in his home at Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Fritz graduated from Farmer High School in Ohio in 1951. He worked for the Irving Ready-Mix Concrete Plant for 32 years. He retired in 1995.

He was a member of Newville United Methodist Church.

He was born Nov. 4, 1933, at Farmer, Ohio, to Russell and Daisy (Skees) Fritz.

His first wife, Rachel (Wonderly) Fritz, died in 1960 in an automobile accident.

On Jan. 7, 1962, he married Shirley Keener at Teegarden, Ind. She survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are three daughters, Debra Wilson of Vienna, Va., Rhonda Rubenstein of Greenwood, Ind., and Diane Miranda of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and four brothers, John Fritz of Cape Coral, Fla., Leighton Fritz of Hamilton, Ind., Ward Fritz of Bryan, Ohio and Keith Fritz of Wauseon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Shough,

Services were held today at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Rev. Tony Brooks of Newville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Newville Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County or the Newville United Methodist Church.

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Beatrice Emerick

AUBURN — Beatrice R. "Bea" Emerick, 86, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Emerick was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She played piano and organ at various nursing homes, including Betz Nursing Home and DeKalb Healthcare Center. She was a volunteer at the Huran Road Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Heimach Center Songbirds chorus, Sunny Meadow Home, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and DeKalb County Extension Homemakers Chorus. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and attended the Indian Village Church of God.

Mrs. Emerick

She was born Nov. 15, 1915, in Springfield, Ohio, to Felix and Harriet (Therian) Amidano.

Her husband, Harry Emerick, died Feb. 24, 1989.

Surviving is a niece, Harriet DeVeto of Akron, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling there after 9 a.m. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate, with the Rev. Randall Callaway of the Indian Village Church of God participating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Lois Smith

AUBURN — Lois M. Smith, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith had been a secretary for the C.E. McClintock Law Office, Albion Production Credit and DeKalb County Farm Bureau Credit. She also was a bookkeeper for John D. Smith & Sons Inc. for 30 years.

Mrs. Smith

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1928. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church for 45 years and its Ruth Circle. She belonged to the Union Township Home Demonstration Club for over 50 years.

She was born Dec. 16, 1910, in Scipio Township, Allen County, to John David Sellers and Lillie (Tracht) Sellers.

She married John D. Smith on Oct. 3, 1937, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving area two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul D. and Carol Smith of Angola, and Thomas L. and Cathy Smith of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Paul T. Walter of Hillsdale, Mich.; one brother, Forest Sellers of Middlebury; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ralph and Howard Sellers, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Michelle Baral

AUBURN — Michelle L. Baral, 35, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a member of New Life Ministry in Garrett. She graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1984, and earned a master's degree in sociology from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Baral

She was born April 2, 1966, in Fort Wayne, to Arvil Gene I and Darlene J. (Lothamer) France. She married Jerry L. Baral on June 3, 1995, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are her father and stepmother, Arvil Gene I and Sharon France; her stepfather, Thomas Lothamer; her grandfather, William C. Houser of South Whitley; an aunt, Cindy Lewis of South Whitley; six nephews; eight nieces; five brothers, Arvil Gene France II and Mark France of Auburn, Chris Hedges of Spencerville, Zack Lothamer of Fort Wayne and Pat Lothamer of Colorado; and five sisters, Lisa Agee of Auburn, Kathy Lothamer of Fort Wayne, Michelle Powell of Bradenton, Fla., Jackie O'Connell of Colorado and Tammy Burke of Illinois.

Both grandmothers and a grandfather preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at New Life Ministry in Garrett on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., with the Rev. Lane Andrews officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the church. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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Alice Hawkins

EDON, Ohio — Alice D. Hawkins, 83, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 6 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there for one day.

Mrs. Hawkins retired in 1981 from Edon Machine, where she had been employed for 10 years. She was a member of the Edon KALA senior citizens group.

She was born Jan. 8, 1919, in Kokomo, Ind., to Rex and Nellie (Hite) Finch.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jane Hawkins of Elida, Ohio, Rex and Donna Hawkins of Steele, Ala., Fred and Shirley Hawkins of Cairo, Ohio, Doug and Anita Hawkins of Edon, Ohio, and Kevin and Penny Hawkins of Fremont, Ind.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Gary Gallagher of Montpelier, Ohio, Brenda and Frank Nester of Fremont, Ind., and RuAnna and Ron Lackey and Sue and Al Best of Cairo, Ohio; 27 grandhildren, 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; two brothers, John Finch of Marion, Ind., and Rex Finch of Somerset, Ind.; two sisters, Cleo Ragsdale of Lafayette, Ind., and Louise Shenneman of Peru, Ind.

One sister, Jean Givens, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Jeff Davis officiating.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Edon KALA senior citizens group.

Jeffrey Hull

FORT WAYNE — Jeffrey Lynn Hull, 42, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

He attended Wolf Lake School and Columbia City High School and had worked at Essex Wire and Cable for over 24 years. He was a member of Escorts M.C. for the past nine years. He spent his lifetime in Whitley and Allen counties, and lived briefly in Noble County.

He was born Nov. 24, 1959, in Columbia City, to Ronald Truman and Joan (Ratcliff) Hull, and his parents survive in North Webster.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jessica P. Collier of Columbia City and Jennifer L. Miller of Albion; three sons, Justin A. and Joris Hull of Churubusco and Jeffrey L. Miller of Albion; a granddaughter, Alexis Pletcher of Columbia City; his fiancé, Cheri Hall of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Carl Thompson and Rochelle B. and Dan Rose of Columbia City; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rick T. and Jodie Hull of Waterloo and Ronald E. and Candy Hull of Columbia City.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Condolences and memorial book signatures may be e-mailed to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Larry Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Larry W. Campbell, 59, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002.

He formerly worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and most recently for Dana at Syracuse.

He was born Nov. 13, 1942, in Kendallville to Willard and Oliva (Mulholland) Campbell.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Brett Boyd of Pleasant Lake; two grandsons, Blake and Bo Boyd of Pleasant Lake; a granddaughter, Brook Boyd of Pleasant Lake; an uncle, Tony Mulholland of Kendallville; and an aunt and uncle, Beverly and Emerson Emrick of Churubusco.

Memorial services will be held Friday at noon at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Free Will Baptist Church youth group.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Adele Cogswell

FREDERICTON, New Brunswick, Canada — Adele (Anningson) Cogswell, 50, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, in Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton.

She was born Jan. 29, 1951, in Stanley, New Brunswick, to Howard and Dorothy Anningson. They survive in Windsor, Nova Scotia.

She is also survived by her husband, Fred Cogswell; her children and their spouses, Calvin and Carol Bartlett of Rothesay, New Brunswick, and Sharon Barlett, Crystall Bartlett and Sarah Bartlett, all of Fredericton; a sister, Barbara Coulter of Russell, Manitoba; two brothers and sisters-in-law, the Rev. Howard and Carol Anningson of New Brunswick and Dr. Richard and Sandra Anningson of Auburn; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Douglas Baptist Church in Fredericton.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. in York Funeral Home, 302 Brookside Drive, Fredericton.

Memorials are to the Canadian Liver Foundation or the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Irene Pierman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Irene Pierman, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at 9 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville, where she had been a resident since Sept. 5, 2000.

Miss Pierman worked as a home caregiver for several years.

She was a past member of the North Scipio United Methodist Church.

She was born April 27, 1911, in DeKalb County to Lester and Lena Pierman.

Surviving are one sister-in-law, Hazel Pierman of Hicksville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Don Pierman, Ross Pierman and Robert Pierman; and one sister, Mildred Welch.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of the Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery in eastern Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Lois Hostetter

FAIRMOUNT — Lois B. Hostetter, 80, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at 10:13 p.m. in Marion General Hospital.

Mrs. Hostetter was a secretary for attorney Robert Christopher in Monticello.

She formerly worked at White County Hospital in Monticello and Mutual Insurance of New York in South Bend.

A member of the Fairmount United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women, she assisted her husband in ministry at the Yeoman and Fairmount United Methodist churches.

She was the first senior queen of Fairmount Museum Days in 1995. She collected angels and stuffed animals and enjoyed trains, planes, birds and flowers.

She was born May 31, 1921, in Washington, D.C., to Samuel B. and Lois (Brooks) Eaton.

She married L. George Hostetter on Feb. 14, 1974, in Fort Wayne and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Carol Kidder of Coon Rapids, Minn.; three stepsons and their wives, Dennis and JoEllen Hostetter of Fremont, the Rev. John and Kathie Hostetter of Waterloo and Paul D. Hostetter of Warsaw; two grandchildren, Steven Kidder of Tucson, Ariz., and Jennifer Kidder of the University of Wisconsin at Madison; five stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Joshua Padgett of Elkhart, Chad and Megan Hostetter of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Kevin Applegate of Fremont, and Stephen Hostetter and Anne Hostetter, both of Waterloo; and four great-grandchildren

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Fairmount United Methodist Church, with calling there after 1 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Hensley, the Rev. Jackie Michaelson and the Rev. Ernest Laughner will officiate. Burial will be in Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount.

Memorials are to the church or to Grace Children's Hospital in care of the funeral home, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount IN 46928.

Condolences may be sent to armeshunt@comteck.com

Area Deaths

ARVADA, Colo. — **Martin P. Kitt**, 77, died Saturday at Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home. A celebration of life open house will be 1-5 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Kitt residense in Arvada, Colo.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2002

Marie Mercer

BUTLER — Marie E. Mercer, 82, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at 9:40 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler. She was a homemaker and had lived in Butler.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Lawrenceville, Ill., to Eldred and Rose (Lancaster) Baker.

She married Levi C. Mercer on Jan. 4, 1951, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died July 14, 1995.

Surviving are four sons, Gilbert Mercer and Carson Mercer, both of Butler, Ron Nolen of Anderson and Terry Nolen of Kissimmee, Fla.; three daughters, Anita Rhoades of Anderson, Rosalee Smith of Ligonier and Georgina Williams of Illinois; one sister, Wanda Conrad of Brazil, Ind.; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A son, Kenny Ray Nolen, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Ervin Wickey

SPENCERVILLE — Ervin D. Wickey, 21 months old, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002 at 12:10 p.m. at his Spencerville home. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 22, 2000, in Mondovi, Wis., to David and Silvia (Schwartz) Wickey. They survive in Spencerville.

Also surviving are five brothers, David, Atlee, Jerry, Joe and Rubin Wickey, all at home; two sisters, Barbara and Anna Mae Wickey, both at home; his grandparents, Atlee and Katie Schwartz of Berne, and Soloman and Anna Mae Wickey of Madison, Ind.; and a great-grandmother, Mary Schwartz of Berne.

Services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. in the family home, 4849 County Road 72, Spencerville, with Bishop Vic Graber officiating. Burial will be in the Spencerville Amish Cemetery.

Calling is today and Wednesday from noon-9 p.m. at the family home.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

MONROEVILLE — **Sara Jane Bullock**, 62, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002

Mark Brown

FORT WAYNE — Mark R. Brown, 48, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at 3:17 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital at Angola after a drowning accident in Steuben County.

Mr. Brown worked at Tower Automotive for 16 years and previously was employed by Tokheim Corp. for 12 years. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born May 2, 1953, in Auburn to Cecil R. and B. Elmeda (Burns) Brown. His mother survives in Auburn. His father died Monday in the same drowning incident.

He married Connie Leffers on March 22, 1986, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Todd Mathew Brown of St. Joe, and Chester Burch and Derek Burch, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Shannon Kelly Brown of St. Joe; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roc and Carolyn Brown of Waterloo, and Lane and Reva Brown of Fremont; one sister, Aleta Brown of Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Pastor Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and National Rifle Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Esther Lautzenheiser

BLUFFTON — Esther M. Lautzenheiser, 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at Christian Care Community Retirement Center in Bluffton.

She performed clerical work for the former Dehaven Coal Co. and then for the Caylor-Nickel Clinic. She was past Noble Grand and Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star.

She was born in Wells County, and first married Elmer K. Schwartz who preceded her in death in 1977. Her second husband, Robert D. Lautzenheiser, died in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Schwartz Hudson of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Richard Lautzenheiser and Tom Lautzenheiser, both of Bluffton; a stepdaughter, Jean Daniels of Garrett; two grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Elk Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to Christian Care, 720 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton IN 46714.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton is in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Brown

AUBURN — Cecil Ray Brown, 78, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at 4:03 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne after a drowning accident in Steuben County.

Mr. Brown was a retired farmer and also worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn, where he was instrumental in bringing the union into the factory. He was a member of the United Auto Workers.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of Calvary Temple of Fort Wayne, where he served for more than 20 years as head usher. He also served the church as a past deacon and board member.

Mr. Brown was a graduate of St. Joe High School, a World War II veteran of the Air Corps and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born April 3, 1923, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora M. (Gramling) Brown.

He married B. Elmeda Burns on Aug. 26, 1943, in Tampa, Fla., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roc and Carolyn Brown of Waterloo, and Lane and Reva Brown of Fremont; one daughter, Aleta Brown of Auburn; one daughter-in-law, Connie Brown of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ivan Brown of Butler; one sister, Maize Thomson of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Mark, who died Monday in the same drowning accident.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Pastor Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Emily J. "Busia" Teller**, 85, died Tuesday at her granddaughter's home in New Middleton, Ohio. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West. St., Angola. Calling Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

HOWE — **Reford Gayhart**, 78, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Clabe Mosley officiating. Calling will be today after 3 p.m. and all day Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Russell E. Sievers**, 82, of Columbia City, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Oak Grove Church of God, 2426 S. Raber Road, Columbia City, with the Rev. Mark Goeglein and the Rev. Robert Eatherton officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour before services at the church Friday. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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Roma Thompson

HARLAN — Roma L. Thompson, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 9:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for 10 days.

Mrs. Thompson had worked at L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne, Sheller-Globe in Grabill and the Corner Store in Harlan. She was a member of the South Scipio United Brethren Church and lived on Scipio Road.

She was born Feb. 26, 1922, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Leon and Jessie (Langham) Knapp.

She married Max Thompson on March 2, 1946, in Hicksville, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara Thiel of Hicksville and Mary Gunka of Dunkirk, Ohio; four sons, John Kennedy of Antwerp, Terry Thompson of Indianapolis, Keith Thompson of Bloomington, Ill., and Frank Thompson of Columbia City; one brother, Junior Knapp of Laurinburg, N.C..; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Wilma Wolfe, and one granddaughter, Kathy (Thiel) Dunifon.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in South Scipio United Brethren Church, with calling there after 9 a.m. The Rev. Steve Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Additionial calling is Saturday after 7 p.m. and Sunday after noon in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to the South Scipio United Brethren Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Teddy G. Keener**, 58, of Churubusco, died Wednesday at home. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sugar Grove Church of God north of Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Grable officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-9 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2002

Wynona Reese

GARRETT — Wynona L. Reese, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 9:35 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Reese was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for 13 years.

She was born Oct. 16, 1909, in Willard, Ohio, to Cornelius J. and Anna (Albright) Strickfaden.

She married James Reese on Nov. 30, 1956, in Angola. He died Aug. 29, 1965.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth Judson of Wolcottville; two daughters, Georgetta Russell of Dorton, Ky., and Dorothy Brown of Garrett; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Helen Shepherd, Lucille Trushel and Margaret Trushel.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Helen McCollough

BUTLER — Helen McCollough, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 3:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. McCollough was a homemaker and bookkeeper. She lived in Butler and was an avid fan of horses and NASCAR racing.

Mrs. McCollough

She was born March 6, 1924, in Butler to Paul and Sara Bell (Helwig) Gunsenhouser.

She married Ralph McCollough on Nov. 3, 1945, in Garrett. He died Sept. 28, 1968.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilou Borne of Churubusco, Margaret Hutchins of Hamilton, and Martha Wyeth of Indianapolis; one brother, Ralph Gunsenhouser of Fort Wayne; one sister, Lois Turner of LaGrange; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Scott Rowe

EDGERTON, Ohio — Scott Michael Rowe, 32, of Edgerton, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, in Columbus.

He was a member of the Ohio Mopar Car Association and restored Mopar cars. A sponsor of three car shows, he avidly attended Mopar car shows and swap meets. A 1988 Edgerton High School graduate and a 1993 graduate of Owens College in Toledo, where he earned a [illegible] degree in biomedical electronics, he had worked for Guardian Industries in Auburn since 1998.

Surviving are his parents, Harold L. and Marletta J. of Edgerton; a sister, Dawn Rowe of Edgerton; stepsisters Julie Caperton of Bryan and Cathy Bowman of Montpelier; and his grandparents, Deloris Ault of Auburn and Harold and Eleanor Rowe of Hicksville.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Sat., Feb. 2, 2002 (cont'd)

Shirley Haiflich

AKRON, Ind. — Shirley L. (Newnam) Haiflich, 58, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 6:35 a.m. at her residence in Akron. She had been ill since July 2001.

Mrs. Haiflich was a materials planner at Raytheon Systems in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Akron United Methodist Church, the American Business Women's Association (Kilsoquah chapter) and Rural Chaplains Association, serving as its secretary for one year. She formerly resided in Roanoke.

She was born May 14, 1943, in Cadiz, Ky., to Wayne and Mildred (Shane) Newnam. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Fairbury, Ill.

She married the Rev. Stevan R. Haiflich on Dec. 31, 1992, in North Webster. He survives. The Rev. Haiflich formerly served as a pastor in Auburn.

Also surviving are a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Philip and Heidi Haiflich of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Andrew Haiflich, and his friend Lauren Haley, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine and Wade Nystrom of Altona, Ill., and Elsie and David Casteel of Great Falls, Mont.; a sister, Karilyn Newnam of Urbana, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Kathy Newnam of Mount Vernon, Ill.; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Akron United Methodist Church. The Rev. Michael Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery in Wells County near Liberty Center on Route 550.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the Akron United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Akron Missions Fund, the Rural Chaplains Association or a church of the donor's choice.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002

Connie Shuman

WATERLOO — Connie J. Shuman, 80, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 11:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Shuman was a cook at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Eastern Star lodges in Waterloo and Ashley and the Pythian Sisters in Hamilton.

She was born July 13, 1921, in Auburn to Russell and Ruth (Bauer) Blanchard.

Her husband, Elmer Shuman, died in 1993.

Surviving are four sons, Mike Shuman of Hicksville, Ohio, Gary Shuman of Fishers, Phil Shuman of Bellevue, Neb., and Mark Shuman of Waterloo; a sister, Lois Cooper of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Private services will be held Monday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Jessie Cannady

BUTLER - Jessie L. Cannady, 68, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 9 p.m. at his home in Butler.

Mr. Cannady was a laborer for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 18 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born Nov. 9, 1933, in Puryear, Tenn., to Jessie and Katie (Jackson) Cannady.

He married Carolyn Thorne on May 11, 1957 in Corinth, Miss. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Melinda Cannady of Butler and James and Gloria Cannady of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Gray Pinkston of Butler, Melinda and Denny Vian of Corunna and Martha and Paul White of Waterloo; a brother, Dow Hicks of Puryear, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, James Hicks, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Regional Cancer Center.

Tony Manns

LAGRANGE - Tony Manns, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at LaGrange.

Mr. Manns had worked for many years for the Forestry Service in Kentucky.

He was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Jackson, Ky., to Jasper and Miranda (Howard) Manns.

He married Lula Conley on Dec. 3, 1931, in Kentucky. She died in 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vera Bailey of LaGrange, Veva and Bill Blaylock of LaGrange and Buretta and Benjamin Hall of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Pam Manns of Howe; a sister, Eliza Ritchie of Frankfort, Ky.; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren

One son, Willie Manns, and one daughter, Geneva Rogers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange. The Rev. Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery of LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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Hiram Fee Jr.

COLDWATER, Mich. — Hiram P. Fee Jr., 81, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Fee was a retired superintendent of the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Power Plant, retiring after 36 years of service. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he was a member of Coldwater American Legion Post 52 and the United Commercial Travelers, Coldwater. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and traveling.

He was born Dec. 21, 1920, in Auburn to Hiram P. and Josie (Nott) Fee.

On Feb. 8, 1947, in Angola, he married Marian Isenhower. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Robert Hageman of Coldwater; four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Tanice Fee of Seattle and Lanny and Faye Fee, Ronald and Barbara Fee and Rodger and Leslee Fee, all of Coldwater; two sisters, Harriet Hernandez of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Betty Warkoczeski of Sun Lake, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His stepmother, Viola (Barnes) Fee, a brother, Clifford Fee, and a stepbrother, Robert Fee, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Diane Stome officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military services conducted by Coldwater American Legion Post 52.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

M. Lucille Mercer

UNION CITY, Mich. — M. Lucille Mercer, 85, of Union City died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Laurels of Coldwater nursing home.

Mrs. Mercer was a cafeteria worker for the sanitarium in Battle Creek. She also worked at Doles Supermarket and Kellogg's, and retired from Consumers Power Co. in 1965.

She was very patriotic and loved astronomy, traveling (especially to the Great Lakes in northern Michigan), sewing, gardening, reading, remodeling (she did her own carpentry work) and stamp collecting. She was a member of the Kellogg Chorus and sang in the choir at Central Christian Church in Battle Creek.

She was raised in Albion, Mich., graduating from Washington Gardner High School in 1934. She was Albion's centennial queen in 1935. She moved to Battle Creek and later Union City.

She was born Feb. 25, 1916, in Albion, Mich., to Orville and Marguerite (Harvey) Biggs.

She married Russell C. Mercer on March 7, 1946. He died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nancy Mercer of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and John Kruger of Greeley, Colo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Ashley of Battle Creek.

A sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Putnam Funeral Home, 601 N. Broadway, Union City. Pastor Gaylon Majors will officiate. Burial will be in Battle Creek Memorial Park.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Molly Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Molly Miller, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at 5:15 a.m. at her home in Middlebury. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 30, 1911, in LaGrange County to Menno J. and Susie (Miller) Bontreger.

She married Henry N. Miller on Dec. 3, 1931, in LaGrange County. He died Nov. 3, 1970.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Ida and Harley Lambright of Topeka, Mary and Andrew Lehman of Middlebury, Anna Miller of Middlebury and Susie and Freeman Yoder of Howe; four sons and four daughters-in-law, Leonard and Ruby Miller of Shipshewana, Melvin and Susie Miller of Middlebury, Elmer and Marilyn Miller of Goshen and Sam and Mary Ellen Miller of Middlebury; 41 grandchildren, 103 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons,. 10 stepgrandchildren, 74 stepgreat-grandchildren and 21 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; a sister, Anna Schrock of Middlebury; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eli and Mabel Bontreger of Middlebury and Elmer and Lydia Bontreger of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by two granddaughters, one great-grandson, a sister, Fannie Gingerich, and a brother, David Bontreger.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 11930 W. 250-N, Middlebury. Bishop Sam E. Bontreger and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery of Shipshewana.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and all day Monday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Dunlap

LIGONIER - Richard "Dick" J. Dunlap, 74, of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 2:12 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap was a retired construction worker. He worked on grounds maintenance at Maxwelton Golf Course and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born April 4, 1927, in Ligonier to David and Mae (Specken) Dunlap.

He married Norma Mehl Dunlap on Aug. 30, 1947, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Kerry Mazelin of Nappanee, Susan and David Kilgore of Kimmell and Donna and Rick Huff of Lakeville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Glenda Dunlap of Ligonier, Bill and Diann Dunlap of Goshen and Jesse and Bev Dunlap of Ligonier; one sister, Vesta Mae Romine of Ligonier; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Dennis and Amonda.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery of Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

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Roberta Hicks

LIGONIER — Roberta A. Hicks, 41, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 4:20 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Hicks had worked as an inspector at Acadia Rubber Co. in Ligonier.

She moved to Ligonier in 1999, previously living in Kendallville and Cromwell.

She was born Dec. 17, 1960 in Goshen to Paul and Betty (Cole) Sanders. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ronald Earl Hicks on Feb. 13, 1981, in Albion. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janie and Carl Keen of Wawaka, Julie Sanders and Ramiro Reyes of Albion, and Connie and Scott Adkins of Crystal Springs, Fla.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Denny and Carolyn Sanders of Ligonier, Howard and Yvonne Sanders of Angola, Donald and Nora Sanders of Wawaka and Gary and Linda Sanders of LaGrange; and 15 nieces and nephews, including A.J. Sanders, for whom she babysat and with whom she was very close.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon. Elder Larry Dixon and Elder Morris Wicker will officiate. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. at the church.

Charles Sprouse

SHIPSHEWANA — Charles E. Sprouse, 78, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 11:15 p.m. at his home in Shipshewana.

Mr. Sprouse was retired from Mishler Meat Packing in Shipshewana. He moved from Stroh to Shipshewana in 1985.

He was a member of Living Stone Christian Fellowship and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born March 2, 1923, in Louisville, Ky., to Edward and Goldie (Smith) Sprouse.

He married Bertha M. Porter on May 24, 1943, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Thelma and Clair Milleman of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry W. and Joyce Sprouse of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Living Stone Christian Fellowship at Middlebury. The Rev. David G. Garty will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange, with military graveside services by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Living Stone Christian Fellowship or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Catherine Hull

LIGONIER - Catherine (Plummer) Hull, 91, formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Tendercare Nursing Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She was born Aug. 24, 1910, in Columbia City to Ira and Mae Plummer.

She married Milton James "Jim" Hull on Aug. 15, 1937. He died in June 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, M. Thomas and Carolyn Hull of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Gilbert Cymbalist of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; five grandsons and their wives, Brian and Jamie Hull of Syracuse, John and Kaye Hull of Ligonier, Mark and Reese Hull of Pinckney, Mich., Andrew and Lisa Cymbalist of Jeffersonville, and Benjamin and Katrinia Cymbalist of Kincheloe, Mich; and five great-grandchildren, Kelsea, Kristin and Morgan Hull and Daylen and Miriam Cymbalist.

She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1939 and a great-granddaughter, Mara Elizabeth Cymbalist in 2001.

Private services and burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier. Hovie Funeral Home of Sault Ste. Marie and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier are in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Presbyterian Church of a charity of the donor's choice.

Everett Wann

ANTWERP, Ohio — Everett "Gene" Wann, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at his home.

He was a self-employed welder and retired from Chessman Trucking Co., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Amvets and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born March 10, 1927, at Pioneer, Ohio, to Everett and Pauline (Null) Wann.

On Feb. 18, 1948, in Antwerp, Ohio, he married Alice I. Rogers. She died Oct. 10, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Wann of Hicksville, Ohio, and Cindy Fraley of Bucyrus, Ohio; four sons, Bruce Wann of Barling, Ark., Dennis Wann of Antwerp, Charles Wann of Hicksville and Andrew Wann of Angola; a brother, Harold Wann of Antwerp; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A brother, Claren Jay Wann, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor James E. Martenies officiating. Military services will be conducted by the Hicksville VFW and the American Legion. Graveside services will be at Scipio Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is Monday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Hazel Schaefer

LAOTTO — Hazel E. Schaefer, 95, of LaOtto died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was a homemaker and lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of the Swan Township Homemakers Club and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Feb. 16, 1906, in Merriam, to Jacob M. and Utokie (Ragan) Snell. On April 3, 1926, in Albion, she married Lloyd Schaefer, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1995. Three brothers, Virgil, Herbert and Jay Snell are also deceased, and a daughter, Ethel Anderson, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Lee Myers of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gale and Beverly Schaefer of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Stella Henning of Monroe, Mich., Edna Herendeen of Albion and Jessie Scheurich of Churubusco; and a sister-in-law, Mary Snell of Avilla.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

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Richard Burtch

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard W. Burtch, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at 11:25 a.m. in his rural Pleasant Lake home.

Mr. Burtch was a former Garrett resident. He was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 18 years, retiring in 1977, and had a machine shop in Garrett from 1937 to 1959.

He served as a Garrett City Council member for 20 years. He was a member of Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Garrett Eagles Lodge and Mount Zion United Methodist Church in rural Pleasant Lake.

He was born March 2, 1915, in Garrett to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch.

He married Catherine I. Rahrig on Oct. 8, 1937, in Avilla. She died July 6, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard A. and Jan Burtch of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Julianne and Milton Hersey of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Lila Deuitch of LaPorte; six grandchildren, Anne Sasko, Joan Wiggins, Nathan Hersey, Brian Burtch, Mollie Galloway and Carson Burtch; and eight great-grandchildren, Katie Galloway, Amy Joy, Dustin, and Jake Wiggins, Ian Sasko, and Alanis, Vanessa and Cole Hersey.

One brother, Raymond Burtch, and one sister, Lois Deuitch, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, with calling there after 9 a.m. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery of rural Pleasant Lake.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the church or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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Russell Grogg

BUTLER — Russell Grogg, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at 11:15 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Grogg was a retired farmer.

He was born Jan. 19, 1910, in Auburn to Benjamin and Blanche (Olinger) Grogg.

He married Helen Carr on May 3, 1935, in Newville. She died Oct. 3, 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard "Dick" and Vicki Grogg of Butler and Walter "Pete" and Carol Grogg, also of Butler; four grandchildren, Roxanne Martin, Rhonda Grogg, Kelly Brock and Vince Grogg, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Darwood, Randall and Paul, and one grandson, Todd Grogg.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Franklin Robert Yelton**, 88, of LaGrange, died Saturday in LaGrange Community Hospital. Services will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Eugene Sommer officiating. Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Hazel Dell Cemetery in Hazel Dell, Ill.

HOWE — **Elaine J. Thomae**, 73, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Peggi Boyce and Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

ALBION — **Lucille "Red" Ray Heintzelman**, 89, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marabelle Nape**, 77, died Saturday, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Noble County.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jack D. Koogler Sr.**, 78, died Saturday at VA Reginal Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown, with military honors.

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Ruth Errington

ANGOLA — Ruth H. Errington, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas J. Jr.; a daughter, Sandra Meyer of Harpswell, Maine; and seven grandchilden.

A son, Thomas J. III, died in 2000.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Violet Rigsby

FORT WAYNE — Violet M. Rigsby, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, in the Lutheran Home at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was born in Beda, Ky. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, an active member of Oakdale United Methodist Church in Louisville, Ky., and was a Girl Scout leader for 20 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth V. Munroe of Fort Wayne and Lynda L. Crawford of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Comer W.; a son, Rodney; and two brothers.

Services will be held tonight at 7 in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling after 5 p.m.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Central Standard Time) in Bon Ayr Cemetery at Bon Ayr, Ky.

Memorials are to Scan Inc., 500 W. Main St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

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Bryan Gause

LIBERTY — Bryan D. Gause, 45, of Liberty, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connersville.

An East Noble High School graduate and a 1979 graduate of Purdue University, he had lived in Union County since July, 1984.

He was a member of the Liberty Lions Club, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Purdue Alumni Association, and was president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators. He was also an honorary FFA member.

He was head of the agriculture department at Union County High School since 1984, and worked at Kouts High School for over three years prior to that time. He could often be found manning ice cream concessions with his FFA members at public functions.

He was born July 19, 1956, in Kendallville to Burl and Phyllis (Mavis) Gause. On Aug. 1, 1981, in Valparaiso, he married Merle A. Maxey, and she survives in Liberty.

Also surviving are a son and daughter, Benjamin D. and Susan M. Gause, both at home; his mother and grandmother, Phyllis Mavis Wood and Hattie Mavis, both of Kendallville; a sister, Kathy Sliger of Corunna; and a niece and nephew.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Union County High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Dana Hadden of Hana's Creek Christian Church officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. Burial will be in West Point Cemetery, Liberty.

Memorials are to the Bryan D. Gause Memorial Scholarship Fund though the Union County Foundation, 404 Eaton St., Liberty, IN 47353. Showalter-Blackwell-Long Funeral Home in Liberty is in charge of arrangements. For information or to sign a guest book, visit www.ShowalterBlackwellLong.com.

Ellen Short

ROME CITY — Ellen Short, 83, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at her Rome City home.

She had lived in the area for 37 years and attended Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born July 6, 1918, in Carrie, Ky., to Henry Lewis and Mary Emline (Smith) Short. On Dec. 27, 1938, she married Demous Short, and he preceded her in death Aug. 8, 1972. Three brothers, Ruben Thomas, Daniel and John Wesley Short, and three sisters, Martha Short Kassee, Rebecca Short Roark and Rhilda Short, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Billie Dale Short of Rome City; a granddaughter and her husband, Jessica Leellen Rhodes and Terry Tuttle of Hudson; and two great-grandsons and their wives, Joshua David and Tabitha Williams Short of Rome City and Justin Lee and Alicia Manley Tuttle of Hudson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Montgomery Baptist Church in Carrie, Ky., with the Rev. Archie Everidge officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with an evening service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday after 2 p.m. at the church in Carrie. Burial will be in Short Family Cemetery, Carrie.

Richard Smith

ELKHART — Richard E. "Dick" Smith, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at 6 p.m. in his Elkhart home after an extended illness.

Mr. Smith owned and operated Reliable Courier Services Inc. of Elkhart. He also owned Smith Monument Co. in Plymouth until he relocated in 1975. He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Bataan.

He was a life member of the Elks Lodge in Valparaiso, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1162 in Plymouth and American Legion Post 27. He was the designer of the Oak Hill Gardens Mausoleum in Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 21, 1931, in Cass County to Gerald F. and Ida (Redd) Smith.

He married Margaret L. "Marge" Newgent Swing on June 6, 1975, in Elkhart, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherlyn S. and Ralph Wilson of Rome City, and Marla K. and William McKnight of Elkhart; one stepdaughter and her husband, Suzanne and Robert Proctor of Loveland, Colo.; one stepson, Frederick Swing of Indianapolis; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert D. and Margaret Smith of Mishawaka, and Merritt W. and Sally Smith of Indianapolis; and three stepgranddaughters.

Private family services will be held at Oak Hill Gardens Mausoleum in Plymouth at a later date. There is no calling or services.

Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

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Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **David E. Thomas**, 71, died Sunday. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola. Family and friends will gather Saturday at 10 a.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Herbert C. Zinn**, 96, died Sunday. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church on Hale Avenue, with calling after 9 a.m. Calling Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with a wake service at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

FREMONT — **MaryAnn Crimaldi**, 71, died Monday. Services Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Wencelas Catholic Church in Maple Heights, Ohio. Calling Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Ferfolia Funeral Home, in Maple Heights. A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home.

CROMWELL— **Louis Harold Baldridge**, 73, died Monday at Goshen Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton. There will be no calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Paul A. Anderson**, 83, died Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 2240 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services and today from 6-8 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **John M. Mast**, 89, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mary Troyer, in LaGrange. Services Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the John W. Beech residence at 1129S 250W, LaGrange, with the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the Delbert Mast residence at 1450S 300W, LaGrange.

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Charles Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Lee Tackett, 41, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at his parents' home.

He was employed at Freudenberg-NOK in Ligonier.

He was born March 5, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Walker and Lynda (Miller) Tackett. On May 18, 2000, in Kendallville he married Robin Lynn Messer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his parents, of Kendallville; two daughters, Amanda Sams of LaGrange and Danielle Bolen of Paulding, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Casey Zimmerman of Kimmell, Amanda Messer of Sturgis, Mich., and Tasha Bentley of Kendallville; two stepsons, Brandon Bentley and Jeremiah Goble, both of Kendallville; and five stepgrandchildren.

Additional survivors include three sisters, Patricia Van Hoose and Anna Fay Pack, both of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth Mason and her husband, Woody, of Rome City; and three brothers, Walker J. and Emmons J. Tackett, both of Richmond, Va., and James Lee Tackett of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at The House of Prayer on State Road 327 south of Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Coruhna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Margie Harter

AUBURN — Margie B. Harter, 87, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Harter worked at Schaab's Department Store, Warner Gear and Rieke Corp., all in Auburn, before retiring in 1986. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, channel surfing and her granddaughters.

She was born Aug. 22, 1914, in Steuben County to Frederick and Ida (Covell) Foster.

She married Joe Q. Harter, who died in 1969.

Surviving are one son, Michael Harter of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Collins of Colleyville, Texas; and two grandchildren, Katie Collins and Sammie Collins, both of Colleyville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivor Covell and Dr. Harry Covell, and an infant granddaughter, Ashley.

Services and burial will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dorothy Carper

AUBURN — Dorothy Bishop Carper, 85, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at 9:35 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Carper retired in 1982 after 14 years of service at Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Auburn Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 103 and Sigma Beta Sorority. She attended St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 30, 1916, in Barberton, Ohio, to M. Jay and Anna (Drabb) Sisson.

She married John E. Bishop on June 2, 1935, in DeKalb County. He died in February 1969.

She married Chalmer Carper in 1975 and he died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert L. Bishop of Auburn and John M. "Jack" and Judy Bishop, also of Auburn; one sister, Matie M. Mitchell of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

One brother, Russell "Peck" Sisson, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wayne Buckland

HUDSON — Wayne Buckland, 50, of Hudson, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He was self-employed for four years and worked for J.O. Mory in South Milford prior to that time. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges.

He was born Sept. 24, 1951, in West Virginia, to Oliver and Velma (King) Buckland. On May 14, 1999, in Las Vegas, he married Donna Davis, and she survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are a son, Todd Buckland of LaGrange; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Terri Sue and Kevin Slaght of Hudson and Nicole and Richard Ellis of Coldwater, Mich.; two stepsons, Christopher Withrow of Coldwater and Robert Kelley of Grass Lake, Mich.; two grandchilden, Anthony and Kendra; and seven stepgrandchildren, among them Megan and Brittney Sauber of Hudson, Page and Ozzy Ellis of Coldwater and Sky, Dustin and Rocky Slaght of Hudson.

Additional survivors include three brothers, Lawrence Buckland of Theodorsia, Mo., Herbert Buckland of Wolcottville and Gary Buckland of Coldwater; and four sisters, Katheran LaCross of LaOtto, Carri Noble and Vona Burkhead of LaGrange and Patti Buckland of Churubusco.

A son, Wayne Eugene Buckland, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

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Gordon Dales

AUBURN — Gordon S. Dales, 82, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at 11:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dales worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn and Canada for over 50 years, retiring in 1989, and had been a greeter at Wal-Mart.

Mr. Dales

He was a World War II veteran of the Canadian Reserves.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, Auburn Kiwanis Club, and Gideon Society International, in which he was very active.

He was born June 28, 1919, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to Frederick and Sarah Rachel (Faulkner) Dales.

He married Eleanor Revell on Oct. 17, 1942, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Gordon Dales of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra Anne and William Saylor of Salem, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Heather Maree Bennett and Michelle Renee Saylor.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene or Gideon Society International.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Gamble

AUBURN — John Gamble, 55, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Gamble was employed by Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching League.

He was born Feb. 16, 1946, in Miamisburg, Ohio, to French and Dora (Perkins) Gamble. They preceded him in death.

He married Sue Betz on Sept. 25, 1987, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Gamble of Kendallville and Cory Fee of Angola; five daughters, Heather Cox of Pioneer, Ohio, Tina Kiessling of Butler, and Tammy Hawn, Jennifer Gamble and Robin Pontzius, all of Auburn; three brothers, Andy Gamble of Auburn, and Charlie Gamble and Ed Gamble, both of Houston, Texas; and five sisters, Emma Harter and Alma Frost, both of Corunna, Bertha Payton of Garrett, Carolyn High of Helmer and Eva McClellan of Florida.

One sister, Betty Payton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of rural Hamilton.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Roswall

BUTLER — William Lee Roswall, 59, of Butler, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002.

He was born July 12, 1942, in Huntington, W.Va., to Frank and Mariola (Sheridan) Roswall.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Faith Ann and Phil Simpson of Kendallville; six brothers, Gilbert, Frank, Irvin, Russell, Stephen and Robert Roswall; three sisters, Barbara Malcolm, Diane Allen and Ellen Roswall; four grandchildren, Courtney Grace, Kristin, Kayla and Nathanael Simpson; and a special friend, Debbie Allisbaugh.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Reno Roswall.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. Calling is today from 6-8 p.m.

Ray Littlefield

WATERLOO — Ray W. Littlefield Jr. 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at 6:30 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Littlefield was a concrete worker at Supreme Transit Concrete Co. and also worked for Pinkerton Security, retiring in 1998.

He lived in Waterloo and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Legion and was a master chamber leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born July 18, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Ray W. Littlefield Sr. and Mabel (Knisely) Littlefield.

He married Hazel Ankney on Jan. 4, 1945, in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bruce Littlefield of Council Hill, Ohio, and Jerry Littlefield of Waterloo; three daughters, Ida Neagley of Waco, Texas, Kay Newell of Petal, Miss., and Brenda Harrington of Aberdeen, Miss.; one sister, Marcella "Sally" Moore of Hudson; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 3 p.m. The Rev. Ed Hughes will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Joyce E. Bowen

FORT WAYNE — Joyce E. Bowen, 55, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at home.

She was born in Hicksville, Ohio, and worked as an accountant at Bob Buescher Homes.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth C.; two sons, Kenneth S. Bowen-Heininger of Auburn and Melvin W. Bowen-Heininger of Kendallville; a daughter, Cynthia M. Bugert of LaOtto; four brothers, Jerry Zehr of Fort Wayne, James Zehr of LaOtto and Archie and Lynn Zehr, both of Huntertown; her mother, Mable Zehr of Huntertown; and nine grandchildren.

A daughter, Velvet L., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 7, 2002 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

ORLAND — **Leona M. Calhoon**, 91, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont. Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

SHELBYVILLE — **Lester F. Hunt**, 67, of Shelbyville, died Tuesday at W.S. Major Hospital in Shelbyville. Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Glenn E. George and Son Funeral Home, Shelbyville, with the Rev. Jerald Mielke of St. James Lutheran Church, Greenfield, officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

WABASH — **Mildred Jane DeArmond**, 88, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash is in charge of arrangements.

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Merritt Hershberger

FORT WAYNE — Merritt "Hersh" Hershberger, 76, died Wednesday at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne and retired as a truck driver for Pony Express and Bingo Bugle Paper. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine A.; two daughters, Darlene Tassler and Fawn Hamrick, both of Fort Wayne; three sons, Ronald of Fort Wayne, Gary of Snow Lake and Gregory of Decatur; four brothers, Walter of Blue Lake, Kenneth of Fort Wayne, Larry of LaOtto and James of Auburn; three sisters, Carol Thurber of Punta Gorda, Fla., Shirley Daring of Fort Wayne and Emmy Reber of Bluffton; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Aaron Holman

ST. JOE — Aaron O. Holman, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at 6:30 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holman had been a farmer and a feed salesman for Moorman's Manufacturing Co. He lived in St. Joe.

He was born May 28, 1911, in Lee, Ind., to Asa and Olive (Vanderwort) Holman.

He married Coralie V. Knox on Oct. 26, 1934, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Patricia Holman of St. Joe, and Carlyle and Sheila Holman, also of St. Joe; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Chris Bello of Rocklin, Calif., Gailanna and Ed Ransom of Avilla, and Karon and Myron Smith of New Orleans, La.; one sister, Emmogene Burrell of Angola; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Holley, and one brother, Loren Holman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, with the Rev. Larry Watson and the Rev. Douglas Holley officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home at Butler.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ Building Fund.

H. Marie Kaliker

FORT WAYNE — H. Marie Kaliker, 93, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

She was born in Allen County and retired in 1965 from Sears after 16 years. She also worked as a retail sales clerk for Wolf & Dessauer for three years.

Surviving are five daughters, Marlene Siples of Garrett, Rita Freeman of Topeka, Kan., Sr. Linda Kaliker of St. Mary of the Woods, Karen Wyss of Woodburn and Kathy Delamarter of Flower Mound, Texas; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Edmund Julian, died in 1985.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with a rosary service at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund or St. Patrick Food Bank and Clothes Closet.

Evening Star, Fri, Feb. 8, 2002 (cont'd)

Dale Hughes Jr.

HUDSON — Dale Hughes Jr., 70, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hughes was a farmer and a Steuben County Commissioner for the South District for 18 years. He served on the Prairie Heights school board for eight years and was a Salem Township precinct committeeman. He was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and Beta Farmers Club.

He was born March 25, 1931, in Hamlet, Ind., to Dale and Wilma (Cole) Hughes.

He married Emilyn Emerson on Sept. 28, 1949, in Hudson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Hughes of Indianapolis and Dr. James Hughes of Huntington; three daughters, Susan Allomong of Edon, Ohio, Sandra Wheeldon of Lafayette, and Sherri Enneking of Angola; one brother, Dr. Wendell Hughes of Hamilton; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Betty Joyce Myers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Salem Center Presbyterian Church on C.R. 800 West, Pleasant Lake. Pastor Howard Compton will officiate. Burial will be in Block Cemetery of Steuben County.

Calling is today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Presbyterian Church or the American Heart Association.

Ruby Enfield

ANGOLA — Ruby Clara Enfield, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Enfield was a homemaker and lived in Angola. She shared farm work and was an avid gardener. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Metz and the Farm Bureau.

She was born Aug. 27, 1914, in Berne to John and Mertie (Tumbleson) Jack.

She married Carlton Enfield on July 11, 1934, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Marvin Enfield of Hamilton; one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bob Bexten of Pioneer, Ohio; one sister, Gertrude Gray of Bryan, Ohio; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Cleo Jack and Herman Jack; and one sister, Florine Enfield.

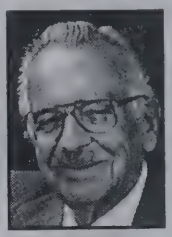
Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, with Pastor Robert W. Staup officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the church.

Robert Smith

AUBURN — Robert D. Smith, 80, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.


Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a television and radio technician. He owned Smith TV in Auburn for several years until his retirement in 1981.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion post in Auburn and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a past member of the Auburn Elks and Auburn Moose lodges. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1939.

He was born April 18, 1921, in Auburn to James M. and Dessie (Grogg) Smith.

He married Eula Gall on Sept. 28, 1947, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Sherry Smith of Auburn, and Nancy Ann and Keith Alexander of Madison; four sisters, Joan Bauman of Auburn, Audrey M. Smith and Betty Douglass, both of Fort Wayne, and Barbara Deetz of Lake George, Ind.; and one grandchild, Ashley Tape.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Gary Hodges officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evening Star, Fri, Feb. 8, 2002 (cont'd)

Hermine Meyer

GARRETT — Hermine F. Meyer, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Meyer

She was co-owner of Meyer Farm Equipment in Avilla from 1939-1986, and worked with her husband before that in Pierce-Arrow automobile sales and service in Avilla.

She had lived in Avilla since 1922, and moved to Garrett in 1988. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Rosary Society in Avilla, the Daughters of Isabelle, the RSVP of Auburn, Harvest House, the American Legion Post 240 Ladies Auxiliary of Avilla and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary. She had also been a Girl Scout leader.

She was born Dec. 15, 1915, in Elkhart to Herman and Helen (Carteaux) DePew. On June 16, 1936, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla she married Robert J. Meyer, and he preceded her in death in January, 1977. A son, Donald, died in 1962 and two brothers, Donald and Paul DePew, and a sister, Gwenivere Meyer, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gerald Thomas of Monroe, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Beverly Meyer of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Marjorie Johnson, Dolores Mueller and Anna Hoeffel of Garrett, Connie Englert of Auburn and Josie Flesch of Ossian.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the church or St. Mary's Catholic School Endowment Fund.

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Edward Carnahan

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Edward D. Carnahan, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in Florida.

Mr. Carnahan was a retired tool-and-die maker for Martin-Marietta. He was a former resident of rural Butler and attended St. Joe High School.

He moved to Florida in 1959. He was a Marine Corps and Gulf War veteran. He was a member of Bahia Shrine, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Elks Club, Scottish Rite and Florida Fly Wheelers Club, all in Florida, and the Cedar Creek Antique Engine and Tractor Club of DeKalb County.

He was born Jan. 25, 1931, in DeKalb County.

He married Melva Young on Sept. 27, 1953, in Mount Pleasant Church in rural Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis and David, both of Kissimmee; a daughter, Anglea Van Vleck of Acworth, Ga.; a stepmother, Donna Carnahan of Auburn; a half-brother, Warren Carnahan of Auburn; two brothers-in-law, Robert Young of Butler and Merle Young of Hillsdale, Mich; one sister-in-law, Janet Ratcliff of Urbana, Ohio; four grandchildren, Eric, Yvonne, Brandon and Austin, all of Kissimmee; and one great-grandson, Cody of Kissimmee.

His father, Marshall Carnahan, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Florida.

Memorials are to the Shriners.

Evening Star, Sat., Feb. 9, 2002 (cont'd)

Robert Lochamire

HUDSON — Robert E. Lochamire, 64, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home in rural Hudson.

Mr. Lochamire was a farmer and a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

He also was a veteran of the U.S. Marines.

Mr. Lochamire was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Hudson to Harold and Glida (Greenwood) Lochamire.

He married Roberta J. Shaffer on July 9, 1960, in Helmer. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Cyndi Lochamire of rural Hudson, and Ken and Ingrid Lochamire of rural LaGrange; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Pat Fox of Rome City; one brother, Ronnie Lochamire of rural Hudson; and 10 grandchildren, Lauren, Logan, Lydia and Lance Lochamire, Kelsey and Camden Fox, Cody and Jamison Shaffer, and Seth and Chase Lochamire.

Mr. Lochamire

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis Jacobs and Norma Lee Synder.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Helmer United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main, Hudson, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Mary Fetter

GARRETT — Mary Frances Fetter, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at 11:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Miss Fetter worked for the City of Garrett Municipal Utilities for 20 years and was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She worked as a secretary and registrar for Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, and then at St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne for 22 years, retiring Sept. 10, 1980.

Miss Fetter

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its Rosary Society, Harvest House and Daughters of Isabella. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary in Avilla.

She was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Garrett to John J. and Mary B. (Foulk) Fetter.

Surviving are a brother, Floyd A. Fetter of Garrett, several nieces and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Edward "Pedro" Fetter, and four sisters, Coletta Wyss, Catharine "Katie" Fetter, Sister Anna Rita Fetter, O.S.F., and Bernadine Fetter.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Monday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund.

Condolences may be sent to thomas@skyenet.net.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2002

Norman Davis

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Norman G. Davis, 79, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at his Knoxville home.

He was the former owner and publisher of the Ligonier Leader and was a retired graphic artist, working for the Detroit Times, Hamtramick Citizen and Kendallville News-Sun. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of captain. He was a member of West Park Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Davis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Rex Burkholder, and Pam and Masoud Panjehpour; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Claudia Davis; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in West Park Baptist Church, with calling after 5:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Underwood will officiate.

Burial will be Tuesday at noon, with the family and friends meeting at the church at 11:15 a.m. to proceed to Tennessee Veteran Cemetery. The East Tennessee Veteran Honor Guard will provide military honors.

Mynatt Funeral Home, 2829 Rennoc Road, Knoxville, TN, 37918, is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Haflich

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie M. Reidenbach Haflich, 79, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1977 from General Electric Co. with 35 years of service. She was a member of the G.E. Quarter Century Club and South Wayne Baptist Church.

Mrs. Haflich was born July 18, 1922, in Wawaka.

She married Wendell D. Haflich, and he died June 8, 1999.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol D. Castleman of Ossian; two sisters, Doris Grayless of Albion and Maxine Sites of Ashland, Ohio; and one grandson, Terry Castleman of New Haven.

One granddaughter, Michelle Renee Castleman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association or the church.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002

Richard McFarren

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard J. McFarren, 67, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at his Wolcottville home.

Mr. McFarren worked for International Harvester and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He lived in Steuben County for 25 years.

He was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Bluffton to Earl and Nellie (Penrod) McFarren.

He married Hazel Yates in 1975, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Carl McFarren of Ozark, Ark.; three daughters, Carolyn Sue Cook of and Lorna Clouse, both of Angola, and Helen Clary of Auburn; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother, Chick McFarren, and one sister, Wilma Glascal, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Elizabeth Dearduff

HARTFORD CITY — Mary Elizabeth Dearduff, 91, died Friday at Blackford County Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had retired from Montgomery Ward in Hartford City.

She was born in Dunkirk and married Howard D. Dearduff, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie K. Mills of Hartford City; three sisters, Betty Curtis of Bradenton, Fla., Reva Codling of Big Turkey Lake in Stroh and Valarie Miskell of Jay, Fla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City, with calling two hours before services. Calling will also be today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Laurence Spencer

ELKHART — Laurence P. "Lorna" Spencer, 81, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at 1:42 p.m. at her daughter's home in Elkhart.

Mrs. Spencer and her first husband owned Keller Band Instrument Repair in Elkhart. She and her second husband owned Spencer Florist in Auburn until they retired to Hollister, Mo., in 1988.

She was born June 16, 1920, in Mount Moriah, Mo., to Lewis and Bertha (McClain) Phillips.

She married Joseph "Max" Keller in Elkhart. He died in 1965.

She then married Robert Spencer in 1971. He died in June 2001 in Branson, Mo.

Surviving are one daughter, Nancy of Elkhart; one son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Linda Keller of Chicago; six grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at a later date in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to Elkhart General Community Hospice.

Elkhart Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 11, 2002 (cont'd)

Steven Kastner

LAGRANGE — Steven E. Kastner, 53, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at 10:56 p.m. in his rural LaGrange home.

Mr. Kastner was an attorney who practiced in DeKalb and Allen counties and Fort Myers Beach, Fla. He lived most of his live in northeastern Indiana.

He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Law and a former deputy prosecuting attorney for Allen County. He was a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the bar associations in Indiana and Florida.

He was an avid motorcyclist and member of the American Motorcycle Association.

Mr. Kastner was born May 2, 1948, in Garrett to Donald E. and Alice Jean (Arehart) Kastner. His mother survives in New Port Richey, Fla., and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, Craig Kastner of Pleasant Lake and David Kastner of New Port Richey; and a friend, Debra S. Lambright of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

Area Deaths

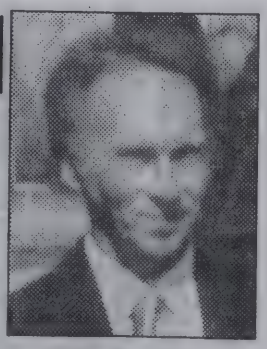
TOPEKA — **Vernon Garde Riedel**, 73, of Topeka, died Sunday at home. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

LIGONIER — **Annabelle Kunz Kidd**, 81, died Sunday at Kingston of Ligonier. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Evelyn M. Miller,** 85, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

Albert "Zip" W. Hemminger

Spencerville – 1935-2002



Albert "Zip" W. Hemminger, 66, of Spencerville, a member of Eagles Aerie 2556 in Hicksville, Ohio, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at home.

The Ohio native retired in 1995 from D.T.F. Trucking in Columbia City as a trucker after 15 years of service. Surviving are his wife, Linda S.; daughters Beth A. Sabo of Rising Sun, Ohio, Mary J. Hathaway of Fostoria, Ohio, and Holly S. Campbell of Fort Wayne; sons Mark A. of Gibsonburg, Ohio, Gary L. of Helena, Ohio, and Jerry R. Caudill of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Silvers of Findlay, Ohio; a brother, Beryl of North Baltimore, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling one hour before services and also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan. Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Service of Northeast Indiana or the family. Feb. 13 02 News-Sen

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., 422-4232.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Wilbur Bailey

DECATUR — Wilbur L. Bailey, 61, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

He was born in Decatur and worked as a truck driver for Select Express. He also worked for M.J.R. Express Trucking and Buchman Trucking. He was a National Guard Army veteran.

His wife, Betty C. Bailey, preceded him in death in 2001. A stepson, Andrew E. Seip, is also deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Dawn Ann Pierce of Fort Wayne, Amanda B. Bailey of Decatur and Gladys R. McDougall of Bluffton; four stepsons, William S. Seip of Waterloo, Harry J. Seip and Dennis W. Seip, both of Decatur and Jerry L. Seip of Monroeville; two stepdaughters, Esther J. Cochran and Betty Jean Ashley, both of Decatur; a brother, Richard of San Antonio; five sisters, Edna Mae Bleeke of Decatur, Janice Barr of Monroeville, Evelyn Ikes of Monpelier, Kathleen McCoy of Jacksonville, Fla., and Joyce Bailey of Celina; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 17 stepgrandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, with calling two hours before services. Calling will also be today from 4-9 p.m.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials are to Adams County Hospital Oncology. Condolences may be e-mailed to info@zwick-jahn.com.

Mary Sebring

AUBURN — Mary Eloise Sebring, 76, died early on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Sebring was employed as a nurse's aide at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. She and her husband owned and operated Sebring Dry Cleaners in Auburn for several years.

She was born July 14, 1925, in DeKalb County to Ford and Alta (Keller) Wilson.

Her husband, Robert Sebring, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one sister, Erva Noragon of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Maxine Wilson, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Oncology Center in Angola.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Freeman

HAMILTON — Donald E. Freeman, 83, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at his home on Terry Lake at Hamilton.

Mr. Freeman retired in 1981 from farming and Rieke Corp. in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club and enjoyed fishing and attending auctions.

He was born in Auburn to Edmund H. and Faye (Zerns) Freeman.

He married Dorothy Lower on Jan. 11, 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Larry Alwood of Las Vegas, Nev., and Darlene and Doyle L. Marr of Butler; one brother, Billy Freeman of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Virginia Bry of Butler and Betty Berryhill of Warren; four grandchildren, Brian Alwood and Faith Alwood, Devan Marr-Kirkman and Denise Marr; and two great-grandchildren.

One sister, Helen Griffin, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dale Middleton

ALBION — Dale A. Middleton, 68, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

He was an engineer for the Indiana State Highway Department for 30 years and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Albion, VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, the Elks Lodge 1447 of Garrett and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 2455 in Albion.

He was born Feb. 19, 1933, in Topeka to Harley and Kathryn (Ganger) Middleton. On July 7, 1984, in Garrett he married Ilene Bordner, and she survives in Albion.

Also surviving are his mother, of Auburn; two sons, Don Middleton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brad Middleton of Auburn; two daughters, Norma Bergdahl of Fort Wayne and Belinda Goodrich of Indianapolis; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Duane Middleton of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Peggy Hartman of Rochester and Judy Mote of Garrett.

A brother, Jerry, preceded him in death in 1978.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military rites by American Legion Post 240 in Albion and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Albion American Legion Post 240.

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Mary Ella Graham

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ella Graham, 73, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Born in Roll, she was a cook for Fort Wayne schools for over 20 years.

Surviving are her husband, James D. Sr.; four sons, James D. Jr. and Steven J. Graham, both of Fort Wayne, Albert Lee Beeks of Jonesboro and William E. Graham of Indianapolis; a daughter, Paula Marie Witte of Hudson; a sister, Barbara King of Montpelier; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A son, Patrick, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Amanda Fragogiannis

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Amanda Hanchar Fragogiannis, 29, of Long Island, N.Y., died Friday at home.

She was born in Angola and was a stay-at-home mother. Surviving are her husband, K.Dean; two daughters Kaitlyn M. and Olga A. Fragogiannis, both of Long Island; her mother, Lynda M. Presley of Fort Wayne; her father, Michael P. Hanchar Jr. of Fort Wayne; her stepfather, Charles R. Presley of Hamilton; two sisters, Lesley Presley-Laden of Atlanta and Kelly J. Hippenhammer of Fort Wayne; a brother, Brian Presley of Hamilton; and her grandparents, William A. and Olga Nolan of Angola and Jeanette Hanchar of Fremont.,

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive, with calling 30 minutes before services.

Maloney's Hauppauge Funeral Home in Hauppage, N.Y., is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Nichols

AUBURN — Joseph D. Nichols, 44, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Nichols was a machine operator for 25 years at Auburn Foundry. He lived in Auburn and attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

He was born May 30 ,1957, in Steuben County to Burton D. and Gladys I. (Thomas) Nichols. They survive in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are three daughters, Tricia Ann Hodges of Columbia City, Amy Jo Brown of Eaton, Ohio, and Cassandra Nichols of Auburn; one sister, Joan Marie Anderson of Concord, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Kalie Brown and Taylor Brown.

One sister, Judy Ann Nichols, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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SARASOTA, Fla. — **Perry J. "Pete" Lambright**, 71, died Saturday at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Nappanee Missionary Church, with the Rev. David Engbrecht officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, and one hour before services at the church on Friday. Burial will be in Hepton Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

LAGRANGE — **John R. Eckert**, 51, died Monday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Rebecca Ann McBride**, 57, died Wednesday at her home. Burial and a gathering of friends will be held at a later date in Mansfield, Ohio. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Harvey C. Baker**, 81, died Monday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Denver Sparkman of True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Lisbon, officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

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Wanda Brill

PLEASANT LAKE — Wanda Brill, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Ala.

Mrs. Brill was a secretary for many years at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She lived in Pleasant Lake and was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake.

She was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Auburn to Russel and Dorothy Daily.

She married Lamar B. Mitchener on Jan. 24, 1941, in Auburn. He died May 28, 1985.

She married Paul Brill in 1992 and he died in 2001.

Surviving her are one son, Russel Mitchener of Auburn, Ala.; her stepmother, Freda Daily of Auburn, Ind.; a stepson, Stephen Brill of Auburn, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Karen Cave of Shawnee, Kan.; two sisters, Wava Hamman of Auburn, Ind., and Betty Lou Ringler of Franklin, N.C.; three grandchildren, Brenda Kuhn of Hamilton, Kellen Mitchener of Auburn, Ala., and Jessica Gayhimer of Auburn, Ind.; three stepgrandchildren, Sandra Casselman, Wendy Padgett and Stuart Cave; three great-grandchildren, Ariana and Tiana Kuhn, and Kaleb Gayhimer; and five stepgreat-grandchildren, Logan, Layton and Makenzie Casselman, and Alexandra and Issabelle Cave.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Susan Beckett and the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marie Shoudel

AUBURN — Marie L. Shoudel, 85, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at 7:13 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Shoudel worked as a clerk at the former Wildermuth Drug Store and Keltsch Drug Store, both in Auburn, for 25 years, retiring in 1982. She also worked as a hairdresser with Lois Shoudel at her shop in Auburn in the 1930s. She lived in Auburn and spent winters in Zephryhills, Fla.

She was a 1934 graduate of Hamilton High School and a 1936 graduate of the Betty Jean School of Beauty Culture in Fort Wayne. She was a member and deaconess of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn and its Hope Circle and Friendly Naomi Circle.

She was born Sept. 20, 1916, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Alva and Ida (Dangler) Kepler.

She married John W. Shoudel on Nov. 27, 1937, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Mary A. Shoudel of Rochester, Ill; two sisters, June Kepler of Garrett and Charlene Stephens of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Lynne Shoudel of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. John A. and Mary M. Shoudel of Rochester, Ill., David Shoudel of Rochester, Ill., Tracy Hart of Columbia City, and Todd Johnson of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Celine and Keeley Shoudel of Rochester, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

One daughter, Carol Johnson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Isom Tuttle

GARRETT, Ky. — Isom Tuttle, 61, of Garrett, Ky., died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

He was born March 22, 1940, in Knott County, Ky., to Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita (Collins) Tuttle; three sons, Micheal Tuttle of Ashley and Jeffery and Jamie Tuttle, both of Garrett, Ky.; two daughters, Shirley Faye Moore of Garrett, Ky., and Angela Rena Ousley of Prestonburg, Ky.; four brothers, Billy Ray and Harvey Tuttle, both of Hudson, Marvin Tuttle of Stroh and Rodney Tuttle of Garrett, Ky.; five sisters, Edna Mae Tuttle of LaGrange, Nadine Powers of Howell, Barbara Ann Slone of Rome City, Cindy McNickle of Stroh and Ruby Jean Newsome of Grethel, Ky.; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

A sister, Irene Moore, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky., with Bethel and Sterlin Bolen, Willie Collins and Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Calling will be today after 5 p.m. at the funeral Home. Burial will be in the Tuttle Family Cemetery, Garrett, Ky.

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Lester Gaff

ROME CITY — Lester W. Gaff, 55, of Rome City died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at DePaul Medical Center in Bridgeton, Mo.

He was a truck driver for F.E. Trucking Company for 19 years, and served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1968. He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381.

He was born May 23, 1946, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ernest W. and Emma Jane (Miller) Gaff. On Sept. 25, 1971, at Big Lake he married Cynthia Halferty, and his wife survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are his parents, of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clayton and Denise Gaff of Kendallville and Jeremy and Tammy Gaff of Waterloo; four brothers, Harold E. Gaff of Fort Wayne and Everett A., James A. and Ernest L. Gaff, all of Columbia City; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Kim Gaff, preceded him in death in 1958.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Chris Mosley officiating. Military rites will be performed by Rome City American Legion Post 381. Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and two hours before services Friday.

Memorials are to the organization of the donor's choice.

Jeffrey Marshall

ASHLEY — Jeffrey A. Marshall, 34, died Monday afternoon, Feb. 11, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after suffering injuries in an automobile accident.

Mr. Marshall was a tool-and-die maker and had lived in rural Ashley for 1 1/2 years.

He was born Sept. 5, 1967, in Lebanon, Ind., to Philip W. and Mary H. (Faris) Marshall. They survive in rural Ashley.

Also surviving are one sister, Kelly Marshall of Portland, Ore.; one brother, Richard Marshall of Ladoga, Ind.; his grandmother, Grace Faris of Indianapolis; a nephew, Derrick Marshall of Crawfordsville; two aunts, Sharon Pauley of Chicago and Linda Roessler of Indianapolis; and one uncle, Chuck Marshall.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Ashley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Irene H. Reid**, 85, of Ligonier, died Sunday in Port Charlotte, Fla., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Visit www.ulreyrennerfuneralhome.com for developing information.

OWENSVILLE — **Dr. Charles L. Barrett** of Owensville died Tuesday at Gibson General Hospital in Princeton. Graveside services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at White Church Cemetery in Princeton, with a memorial service following at 11 a.m. at the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Owensville. There will be no calling.

LIGONIER — **Johnny Jacobs**, 39, of Ligonier, died Saturday in a drowning accident in Ligonier. Services will be held Thursday at noon at Providence Old Regular Baptist Church in Topmost, Ky., with the Ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Calling is today at the church. Burial will be in Jimmy Slone Cemetery, Pippa Passes, Ky. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

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Michael Korff

AUBURN — Michael Korff, 35, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at 1:40 p.m. in Auburn.

He was born in Garrett.

Surviving are his father, Richard Korff of Auburn; his mother, Nicci Korff of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Allan Fulk of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Teresa Korff of Fort Wayne and Donna Korff-Baker of Atlanta.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Allen Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Stevens, 36, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He had worked for Advanced Thermal Technologies in Kendallville.

He was born March 1, 1965, in Grantsville, W.Va., to Adron and Ethel (Szaller) Stevens. He married Sonia Kay Patrick on March 26, 1998 in Albion, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters, Tiffanie and Emily Ritchie and Lora and April Stevens, all at home; two sisters, Mary Phillips of Kendallville and Eula Click of Morganton, N.C.; a brother, Adron Stevens of Morganton, N.C.; a nephew, Junior Phillips; a niece, Missy Phillips; and his mother-in-law, Cora Ritchie of Avilla.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at True Church of God in Jesus Name in Lisbon with the Rev. Ralph Brewster of War, W.Va., officiating. Calling will be Friday after 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Diana Custer

GARRETT — Diana Kay Custer, 51, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at 12:04 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Custer worked as a layout person for Courier Printing in Kendallville for 15 years. She lived in rural Garrett.

She was born July 3, 1950, in Fremont to Paul E. and Kathryn (Randol) Swonger. They preceded her in death.

She married Bruce Custer on Dec. 28, 1968, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Shane A. Custer of Anniston, Ala.; a daughter, Shannon K. Day of Garrett; and two brothers, Dale Swonger of Altona and David Swonger of Garrett.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Painter

FREMONT — Robert M. Painter, 83, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, in Rose Arbor Hospice Home at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Painter was a custodian at Tri-State University, retiring in 1983. He also formerly worked at Sechler's Pickles factory in St. Joe.

He enjoyed fishing and working in his yard. He loved basketball and staying current with the news.

He was born June 16, 1918, in Fremont to Minshall and LaVinnie (Straw) Painter.

Surviving are a great-niece and her husband, Mrs. Karen and Duane Pillow of Paw Paw, Mich.; one great-nephew, Ken Deemer of Portage, Mich.; and four great-great-nephews, Justin, Eric and Alex Pillow of Paw Paw, and Troy Deemer of Portage.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Henry Wade Painter; two sisters, Alice Deemer and Kathryn Riede; and one nephew, Dale Deemer.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice.

Raymond Martenies Sr.

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Raymond L. Martenies Sr., 70, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at his home in Mark Center.

Mr. Martenies retired from Dana Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, in 1991. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Sherwood, Ohio, the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Antwerp, the American Legion in Farmer, Ohio, and AMVETS in Bryan, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born June 25, 1931, in Lake Lansing, Mich., to Frederick and Viola (Camp) Martenies.

He married Lois Clark on June 19, 1954, in Reading, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Robin Pessefall of Paulding, Ohio, and Rosalind Myers of West Unity, Ohio; five sons, Raymond Martenies Jr. of Antwerp, Ohio, R. Steven Martenies of Fayette, Ohio, Ricky Martenies of Hicksville, Ohio, Rodney Martenies of Pioneer, Ohio, and Royce Martenies of Edgerton, Ohio; two brothers, Donald Martenies of Rogers City, Mich., and James Martenies of Hicksville; two sisters, Phyllis Kurtz of Lansing, Mich., and Joyce Worthington of Angola; 19 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Ted Ramey officiating. The Farmer VFW post will conduct military services.

Calling is Friday after 7 p.m. and Saturday after noon in the funeral home.

Regina Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Regina M. Bair, 79, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at home.

She worked as a clerk at the former Bang's Dime Store in Churubusco for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, its Rosary Sodality, the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary in Churubusco and the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Lewis W. and Edna C. (Grouleff) Scattergood. On June 21, 1941, in Merriam, she married Paul Bair Sr., and he survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon J. Wierschke of rural Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul "Butch" Bair Jr. of Lake Wales, Fla., and Max E. and Linda Bair of rural LaOtto; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Monsignor Danney Pinto officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recitation at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to masses or the Columbia City Miller's Merry Manor activities department. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Irene H. Reid**, 85, of Ligonier, died Sunday at Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla., of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

CHURUBUSCO — **Regina M. Bair**, 79, of Churubusco, died Wednesday at home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Monsignor Danney Pinto officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recitation at 8 p.m.

BRISTOL — **Beverly Jean Treece**, 67, of Bristol, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, with the Rev. David Garty of Living Stone Christian Fellowship officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bristol.

ALBION — **Rachel L. McNeal**, 88, of Albion, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. and two hours before services Saturday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

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Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Paul A. Healey**, 57, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Evelyn M. Gilman**, 74, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bernice F. Brandenburg**, 77, of Zephyllis, Fla., died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services pending.

LAGRANGE — **Inez Negrete**, 64, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

NAPLES, FLA. — **Konnie K. Bowden**, 82, of Naples, Fla., formerly of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. at Lakeland Funeral Home, Naples, Fla. Calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Catherine G. Jones**, 63, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 2 p.m. Monday at C. M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling three hours before the services.

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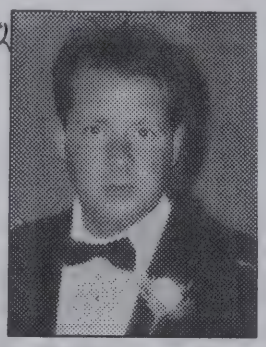

Miles R. Clifton, 49, of Fort Wayne, a self-employed commercial artist, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at home.

"He enjoyed art." **He was a Fort Wayne native. Surviving are his parents, Glen R. and Frances L. of Fort Wayne; a brother, Gary R. of Spencerville; sisters Cheryle C. Clifton of Fort Wayne and Susan K. Clifton-Bedrio of Skokie, Ill.; and his former wife, Rebecca A. Clifton of Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.**

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, 426-9494.

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Alan Bowers

SARASOTA, Fla. — Alan Bruce Bowers, 63, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, in Hospice House of South Sarasota in Florida.

Mr. Bowers was an X-ray technician, receiving his training at South Bend Memorial Hospital. He lived and worked in Florida for many years.

He attended Franklin Township grade schools in DeKalb County and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1965. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served two years and was honorably discharged.

He was born Nov. 7, 1938, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Winn and Helen (Jennings) Bowers.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Bowers of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Christi Bowers of Sarasota; three brothers, Leon Bowers of Hamilton, Loren Bowers of California, and Lyle Bowers of Norland Park in Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Everett Freed of Waterloo; and three grandchildren, Annalee, Patrick and Cameryn of Sarasota.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

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Christopher Tittle

ASHLEY — Christopher Michael Tittle, 29, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in a highway crash on Interstate 69 north of Ashley.

Mr. Tittle was a construction worker and lived in Ashley. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. He enjoyed basketball, art and drawing, native and Indian ways, and fishing with his children.

Mr. Tittle

He was born Sept. 29, 1972, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father, Michael L. Tittle of Auburn; his mother, Joyce A. Swihart of Butler; three children, Gaven Tittle and Maia Tittle, both of Garrett, and Zack Tittle of Helmer; one sister, Jennifer Tittle of Auburn; his ex-wife, Stacy Steiman of Garrett; and his maternal grandparents, William and Francis Hjelm of Garrett.

His paternal grandparents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling there after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his children.

Mary Carpenter

ASHLEY — Mary F. Carpenter, 81, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Carpenter had owned and operated the Mar-Jon Beauty Salon in Ashley since 1958. She lived in Ashley and was a worthy matron of the Ashley chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 25, 1920, in Mitchell to Lawrence and Agnes (Tow) Greer.

She married John W. Carpenter on Oct. 18, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Kathleen Carpenter of Ashley, Gary "Gig" Carpenter of Ashley, and Philip and Marilyn Carpenter of Auburn; three brothers, Gerald Greer and Robert Greer, both of Mitchell, and George Greer of Indianapolis; three sisters, Jean Horine of Springfield, Mo., Betty Conner of Bedford and Dorothy Richard of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Charles Greer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Bob Neace officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice E Brandenburg, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Zephyr Haven Rehab in Zephyrhills, Fla. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Visitation will also be held at the church on Monday, one hour prior to the service.

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Arvada Miller

HOWE — Arvada L. Miller, 74, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 6:27 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker in rural Howe. She was born in Sturgis, Mich., on Oct. 10, 1927, to Vilas and Leona (Overhalser) Klopfenstein.

She married Amos Miller on Feb. 8, 1947, and he died in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in law, Sue Jones of South Bend and Mary and William Warble of Howe; three sons and two daughters-in-law, LeRoy Miller of Texas, and Ray and Luann Miller and Roger and Carolyn Miller, all of Howe; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Denney officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of God or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Donald Morse

ANGOLA — Donald F. Morse, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, in his home in Angola.

Mr. Morse owned Morse Heating & Air Conditioning in Angola for 25 years before retiring in 1982 .

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran and was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born in Scott Township in Steuben County on May 18, 1924, to Weir and Fern (Cole) Morse.

He married Maxine (Pressly) Morse in Angola on Dec. 12, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Morse of Angola and Thomas Morse of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Helen Hilton of Angola and Margaret Berger of South Bend; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Levanche Kugler

KENDALLVILLE — Levanche M. Kugler, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 3:15 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kugler

Formerly of Wolcottville, Mrs. Kugler was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, as well as the Ladies Guild at the church. She had worked at Brand's Restaurant in Corunna, and more recently had been employed at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on May 27, 1916, to Irvin and Emma (Hissong) Bair.

She married Wayne Kugler in Avilla on Oct. 26, 1936. He died in 1982.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Hubert and Eleanor Kugler, Robert and Shirley Kugler and Francis and Nancy Kugler, all of Hudson; one brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; three sisters, Pauline Erdley of Wolf Lake, Katherine Brazell of Ligonier and Alice Myhnier of Goshen; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One son, Donald, and one brother, Howard, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St,, Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Robert Sunderland

FORT WAYNE — Robert G. Sunderland, 75, died Saturday at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a laborer for Dana Corp. for 40 years, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II Army veteran, past president of the U.S. Ultralight Association and treasurer of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; three sons, Robert T. of Columbia City, Charles P. of Ashley and Timothy J. of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Judy Mick of Roanoke, Patricia J. Sunderland and Ann L. Leonard, both of Fort Wayne, Diana K. Frederick of New Haven and Rita M. Sunderland of Chicago; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., with prayers at 9:30 a.m. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

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John Edwards

FORT WAYNE — John B. Edwards, 70, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

A 1949 graduate of Kendallville High School, he worked for International Harvester, retiring in 1983. He was the owner and operator of John Edwards Hauling. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War for two years and was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and F.O.E. 985 in Kendallville. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born March 19, 1931, to Burl and Glendora (Wiedman) Edwards. On Dec. 4, 1954, he married Daisy Owen, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Joy Edwards of Napoleon, Ohio, Mark and Holly Edwards of Avilla and Doug and Becky Edwards of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Randy Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce and Wayne Jester of Mooreland; two brothers, Robert Edwards of Columbia City and Gean Edwards of Corpus Christy, Texas; a sister, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and 13 grandchildren, Stephanie, Miranda, Hillary, Keanan, Klanci, Kearni, Kavan, Pete and Erin Edwards and Michael, Brandy, Cody and Bailey Krafft.

A sister, Doris Gose, and a brother, James Edwards, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday. Graveside services will be held at Avilla Lutheran Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Gary Aldrich

AUBURN — Gary Jack Aldrich, 60, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in his Auburn home.

Mr. Aldrich worked at Airway Manufacturing in Auburn. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 20, 1942, in Auburn to Carlton E. and Frances Rose (Castator) Aldrich. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Ellyann Singer, Sabrina Birrell, and Marcie Hamilton, all of Canada, and Betsy Hanson of Texas; three brothers, Patrick Aldrich of Waterloo, John Aldrich of Auburn, and James Aldrich of Columbia City; and two sisters, Jeanette Osborn and Mary Aldrich, both of Auburn.

One son, Gary Earl Aldrich, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Nixon

GARRETT — Mary Lea Nixon, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a retired seamstress and owned and operated a custom drapery business in Garrett for many years. She had lived at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett since July, 1999.

She was born Aug. 8, 1919, to Ralph and Vera Vetter in Kendallville. She married Dale J. Nixon, and he preceded her in death in 1964. A sister, Ruth Urban, is also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Dale Patrick Nixon of Brazil, Ind.

A private memorial service will be held later. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

LAGRANGE — **Evelyn M. Gilman**, 74, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bernice F. Brandenburg**, 77, of Zephyllis, Fla., died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services pending.

LAGRANGE — **Inez Negrete**, 64, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

NAPLES, FLA. — **Konnie K. Bowden**, 82, of Naples, Fla., formerly of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002. Services at 11 a.m. at Lakeland Funeral Home, Naples, Fla. Calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

DECATUR — **Clista A. "Minnie" Miller**, 79, died Saturday at Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur. Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Beckesto Cemetery in rural Monroe.

NORTH MANCHESTER — **E. Blanche Metzger**, 96, died Sunday at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester. Burial will be in South Whitley

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Shirley Mae Tracey**, 67, died Saturday. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Angola Church of the Nazarene. Calling Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

KENDALLVILLE — **Louise Hicks**, 58, died Sunday at her home north of Kendallville. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Calling will be today after 5 p.m. and all day and evening Tuesday, with evening services at 7 p.m. both days. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

HOWE — **Evelyn Z. Northup**, 82, died Sunday. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Church of the True God in South Milford. Calling today after 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Hackman-Fogelsong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich.

KENDALLVILLE — **Paul A. Healey**, 57, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Area Deaths

WOLF LAKE — **Minnie O. Maloney**, 82, died today at 3 a.m. at her home. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Calling Thursday 2-8 p.m.

ORLANDO, Fla. — **Dr. Charles Radcliffe** died Dec. 7 in Orlando, Florida, of congestive heart failure at age 77. A memorial service in southern Indiana will be held in the spring to include family members from the Northeast, Midwest, and Florida.

NORTH MANCHESTER — **Walter E. Jones**, 59, of Kokomo, died Thursday at home. Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, with calling two hours before services.

SYRACUSE — **Jancy E. Schmucker Jr.**, 49, of Syracuse, died Sunday at the home of his sister, Mary Ellen Miller, in Nappanee. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Maranatha Mennonite Chapel in Nappanee, with Arden Graber officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

GOSHEN — **Polly Yoder**, 86, of Goshen, died Sunday at her home. Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home, with Bishop Daniel J. Bontrager and the Rev. Clarence Schrock officiating. Calling will be all day today and Wednesday at the family home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jerry J. Dell**, 65, a former Churubusco resident, died Thursday in LaGrange, Ga. Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

MONROEVILLE — **James E. Lee Sr.**, 65, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m.

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Virginia Ford

DECATUR — Virginia M. Ford, 66, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at home.

She was a homemaker and was born in Lamar, Colo.

Surviving are her husband, Matthew F.; a son, Kerry Fields of Highland, Ill.; a daughter, Hagan Gibbs of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Ruby Lovellette of Decatur; three half brothers, Ralph W. James of New Haven, Fred L. James of Springfield, Ohio, and Jimmy L. James of Hamilton; and three grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be held at Willshire Cemetery, Willshire, Ohio. There will be no calling. Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to info@zwickjahn.com.

Myrtle Triechman

FREMONT — Myrtle Bell Triechman, 93, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, in The Laurels of Coldwater nursing home.

Mrs. Triechman was a homemaker, a former waitress and an Avon salesperson. She formerly lived in Fremont and was of the Catholic faith.

She was born Jan. 9, 1909, in Fremont to James and Mary (Hart) Brown.

She married William "Bill" Triechman on Jan. 8, 1932, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Oct. 8, 1991.

Surviving are three nieces and their husbands, Louise and Orlo Loomis of Geneva, Ind., Laurene and Mervin Towers of Hamilton, and Murna and Al Courtad of Traverse City, Mich.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jay and Lee Brown; one niece, Thelma Scheidler; and one nephew, Harold Brown.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after noon. Father Brian Stanley of St. Charles Catholic Church in Coldwater will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

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Bertha Angelone

BUTLER — Bertha E. Angelone, 78, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002.

Mrs. Angelone was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was an avid roller skater.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler and its Ladies Club. She was an active member of the DeKalb County Election Board and American Red Cross, which she served as a board member.

She belonged to the Butler Business and Professional Women, which twice named her woman of the year.

She was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Edgerton, Ohio, to George L. and Mildred C. (Zeigler) Thimlar.

Her husband, James A. Angelone, died Sept. 18, 1988.

Surviving are one son, George T. Angelone of Indianapolis; one daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Martin Brown of Butler; and four grandchildren, Luke M. Brown, Rachel C.A. Brown, Paul A. Angelone and Rosa M. Angelone.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Stuck will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Cora O'Dell

BEAVERCREEK, Ohio — Cora Susan O'Dell, 96, formerly of Butler, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Community of Beavercreek, Ohio.

Mrs. O'Dell

She retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 25 years and was a former member of the Wilmington Township Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Maineville United Methodist Church and had attended Norris Chapel in rural Auburn.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Vesta and Byron (Ben) Ferguson of Arizona; two sons and daughters-in-law, Maurice (Moe) and Joy Bacon of Beavercreek and William and Ruth Charleston of North Carolina; one son-in-law, James Ferguson of Indiana; one brother, Virlin Myers of Indiana; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Harold O'Dell, Arch Charleston and Filo Snider; five daughters, LaVina Ferguson, Joy Thompson, Betty Snider, Mabel Snider and Permilla Bacon; one son, George Snider; two sisters, Virgie Boyce and Stella Schwartz; two brothers, Ivan Myers and Jack Myers; and one son-in-law, Ren Thompson.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, with the Rev. Timothy Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. in the church.

Morris Sons Funeral Home, 104 W. Main St., Fairborn, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

TORRANCE, Calif. — **Marjorie Wanita McBride**, 90, a former Chicago resident and recently of Torrance, Calif., died Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Louise Hicks**, 58, died Sunday at her home north of Kendallville. Services are today at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford, with the Rev. Willie Collins and Purda Hicks officiating.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jerry J. Dell**, 65, a former Churubusco resident, died Thursday at his daughter's home in LaGrange, Ga. Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry A. Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Calling will be two hours before services on Thursday.

ALBION — **Marian E. Snyder**, 88, died Friday at her home in Frostproof, Fla. Services are today at 2 p.m. at Marion Nelson Funeral Home in Frostproof, with the Rev. Greg Wood officiating. Burial will be in Fort Myers, Fla. Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of local arrangements.

ALBION — **Robert H. Snyder**, 85, of Frostproof, Fla., died Saturday in Frostproof. Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Gene Roher officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **James Thomas Kerns**, 79, died Sunday at his Kendallville home. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley R. Kessler officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Norma Rose (Kurtz) Boszor**, 77, died Tuesday at a relative's home on Skinner Lake. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Calling is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Walter Harold Atherton**, 88, died Sunday at Golden Years Homestead. Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling two hours before services.

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Howard Dean

HAMILTON — Howard Ford Dean, 92, of Hamilton, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Dean worked at Aro Corp. of Bryan, Ohio, as a foreman and was president of the Supervisors Club. He also was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and was a Sunday school teacher in Hamilton and in McAllen, Texas.

He was born March 22, 1909, in Butler to Namon Ross Dean and Ida May (Randall) Dean.

He married Ruth Virginia Graham on June 2, 1928, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gene Dean of Dublin, Ohio, and Joseph Dean of Hamilton; one brother, Harold Dean of Highpoint, N.C.; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great granddaughters.

A sister, Helen Manley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home at Hamilton. The Rev. David Payne will officiate.

Interment will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ building fund.

Richard Oetting

FREMONT — Richard A. Oetting, 52, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at his residence on Little Otter Lake, Fremont.

Mr. Oetting

Mr. Oetting was an employee of Dana-Epic Co. in Angola. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and served as president of the Little Otter Lake Association. He enjoyed working, boating and carpentry.

He was born July 9, 1949, in Fort Wayne. His mother, Esther (James) Oetting Hein, survives in Fremont and his father, Dale F. Oetting, preceded him in death.

He married Kathy Salyers on Aug. 5, 1972, in Clintwood, Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jason A. Oetting of Indianapolis; one sister, Debbi Wall of Spencerville; two brothers, Gary Oetting and Fred Oetting, both of Fort Wayne; and three stepbrothers, Richard Hein, Robert Hein and Thomas Hein, all of Fort Wayne.

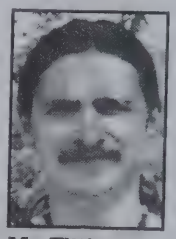
Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Kevin Palmer officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Christopher Tittle

ASHLEY — Christopher Michael Tittle, 29, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in a highway crash on Interstate 69 north of Ashley.


Mr. Tittle

Mr. Tittle was a construction worker and lived in Ashley. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. He enjoyed basketball, art and drawing, native and Indian ways, and fishing with his children.

He was born Sept. 29, 1972, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father, Michael L. Tittle of Auburn; his mother, Joyce A. Swihart of Butler; his stepfather, Ted L. Swihart of Butler; three children, Gaven Tittle and Maia Tittle, both of Garrett, and Zack Tittle of Helmer; one sister, Jennifer Tittle of Auburn; his ex-wife, Stacy Steinman of Garrett; his ex-wife's parents, Roger and Marlene Steinman of Auburn; and his maternal grandmother and stepgrandfather, Francis and William Hjelm of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Staff Sgt. William M. Croy, who died Aug. 15, 1966, in Vietnam, and his paternal grandparents.

Services were held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his children.

Francis Robinson

GARRETT — Francis S. Robinson, 80, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at 11:09 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Robinson was a mechanical engineer. He had lived in Garrett for 32 years. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Walpole, Mass., to Benjamin A. and Lillian (Hazelton) Robinson.

Surviving are a sister, Margery Timbrook of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ernest Robinson of Garrett; four nephews, Maynard Robinson of McDonough, Ga., Stanley Robinson of Anderson, Lynn Robinson of Waterloo and Roger Timbrook of Fort Wayne; and three nieces, Linda Englemann of Fort Wayne, Susan Dangler of Cecil, Ohio, and Diana Farlee of Fort Wayne.

Two brothers, Joseph and Alfred, and a sister, Edith Robinson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett. Pastor Charles F. Schmunk will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 21, 2002 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Virginia E. Parker**, 74, of rural Albion, died Wednesday at the family home in York Township. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Merriam Christian Chapel. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

HERNANDO, Fla. — **Richard LeRoy "Dick" Roberts**, 63, of Hernando, died Tuesday at the Ocala Regional Medical Center. Charles E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory in Inverness, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

LAGRANGE — **Don (Wayne) Yoder**, 80, of LaGrange, died Wednesday at his home. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

TUCSON, Ariz. — **Peyton H. "Coach" Goodwin II**, 80, died Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital. Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

HUDSON — **Dutch VanderBosch**, 96, died Wednesday at his daughter's home. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

ALBION — **Russell Zigler**, 87, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

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Urban Vanderbosch

HUDSON — Urban "Dutch" Vanderbosch, 95, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 at his daughter's home.

Mr. Vanderbosch

He was an electrician who performed work for Fort Wayne's Memorial Coliseum and Embassy Theater. He also did electrical work for the Dana Corp.

He was a member of the IBEW Union in Fort Wayne, the Garrett Eagles and the Garrett Knights of Columbus.

He was a lifetime resident of Avilla, except for the past six years, during which he lived with his daughter, Delores Rash. She survives.

He was born March 29, 1906 in Avilla. His father was William Vanderbosch.

He married Madelyn Baskie on June 6, 1935 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She preceded him in death in 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Charles Rash of Hudson; five grandchildren, Dick, Randy and Stan Stroh, Kenneth Rash and Tammy Walton; 10 great-grandchildren, Jenny, Sam, Ellie, Jeff, Nickie, Eric, Jamie and Jermey Stroh, and Brittany and Tyler Walton; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A rosary service will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Calling is Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to Tuesday's services.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Evening Star, Fri., Feb. 22, 2002 (cont'd)

Wanda McClure

SUN CITY CENTER, Fla. — Wanda C. McClure, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Cypress Creek Assisted Living in Sun City Center, Fla.

Mrs. McClure was a homemaker and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born May 22, 1910, in Chicago to George R. and Anna (Malek) Liss.

Her husband, Wilbur W. McClure, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William R. and Lucy McClure of Sun City Center; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses.

Area Deaths

LANCASTER, Texas — **Doris Amy Cox**, 88, a former Angola resident, died Tuesday. Services Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 1 p.m.

ALBION — **Russell M. Zigler**, 87, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home.

KIMMELL — **Jerry E. Taylor**, 60, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kimmell United Methodist Church. Calling will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Carl G. Harlan**, 78, died Wednesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services will be held Saturday at noon at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

ALLEGAN, Mich. — **William Henry Dunbar**, 76, formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday at Burgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m.

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George Slinger

KENDALLVILLE — George L. Slinger, 65, of Kendallville, died at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at his residence.

In Indianapolis on Dec. 17, 1936, he was born to George and Loretta (Tragresser) Slinger.

The former Indianapolis resident worked as a tool and die maker at Royal Industries in Auburn.

He was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, and American Legion Post 86, Kendallville. He coached flag football and was a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are Janice Dukes, his wife of 40-plus years; a daughter, Christine Eagan of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Doug Conrad of Lewiston, Idaho; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Joni Slinger of Knoxville, Tenn.; a son, Christopher Slinger of Wolcottville; two sisters, Pat Furr of Conway, S.C., and Barbara Reese of Indianapolis; five grandsons, Stephen and Austin Slinger of Knoxville, Tenn., Justin and Sean Eagan of Indianapolis; and Jim Pepple of Leggett, Calif.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Charles Mullens officiating. Burial will be at the St. Gasper Catholic Cemetery following the Mass.

There is no visitation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Michael D. Schrock**, 44, of Wolcottville, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville. Calling from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

ALLEGAN, Mich. — **William Henry Dunbar**, 76, of Allegan, Mich., formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — **Braska Lena Winters**, 75, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Angola, died Thursday. Services ar 11 a.m. Monday at Beams FuneralHome, Fremont, Ind. Calling from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

SYRACUSE — **Wallace C. Clark**, 68, of Syracuse, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2002

Paul Hile

KENDALLVILLE — Paul E. Hile, 78, Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hile was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Kendallville, to Ben and Hazel (Witmer) Hile. He married Mary Haid on Nov. 8, 1946, in Kendallville, and she survives.

He was a 1942 graduate of Kendallville High School. He had worked in the former Kendall Lumber Co., and Cline Lumber Co., and most recently had worked for Broadview Lumber Co. in Kendallville. He retired on Oct. 31, 1988. From 1957-67 he lived in Troy, Ohio, where he was manager of West Milton Lumber Co.

Mr. Hile

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, and a former member of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. He was a past member of Kendallville Park and Recreation Board.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Rebecca (Steve) Workman of Avilla; two sons, Dennis (Kathy) Hile of West Milton, Ohio and Kevin (Tonya) Hile of Rome City; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Hile of Tipp City, Ohio; a brother, Jim Hile of Ligonier; a sister, Catherine Edgington of Sturgis, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Barry Hile; a sister, Bonnie Smith; and a brother, Bob Hile.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling will be held Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be set at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Thomas Wheeler

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas W. Wheeler, 77, Ormas, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 5, 1924, in Ormas, to Melvin Clinton and Jessie Blondine (Moore) Wheeler. He attended the Etna School for 10 years and graduated from North Webster High School in 1942.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during World War II in Australia, New Guinea and Burma.

Following his discharge from the Army in December of 1945, he returned to Etna where he joined his family in the operation of M.C. Wheeler & Sons Inc. Well Drilling and Plumbing, serving as the president of the corporation until his retirement in 1987.

On Oct. 1, 1966, he married Beverly A. Menzie, and they made their home in Bear Lake, where they lived for 10 years. In 1976, they moved to Ormas.

He was a member of the Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge, the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98, Columbia City V.F.W. Post, Columbia City Eagles Lodge and had served as the president of the Thorn Cemetery Association for many years.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Greg (Cecilia) Wheeler and Brad (Lydia) Wheeler, both of Columbia City, Tom (Debra) Goodrich of Albion and Steve (Diane) Goodrich of Gratiot, Wis.; two daughters, Janet (Duane) Waybright of Larwill and Suzanne (Harry) Plotner of Amboy; two brothers, Harold Wheeler of Larwill and Bill Wheeler of Columbia City; a sister, Luann (Jack) Foster of Columbia City; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, the Rev. Timothy Wheeler officiating. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98 presenting military honors at the graveside.

The Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge will hold a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Whitley County Community Foundation.

Vern Leitch

LARWILL — Vern Allen Leitch, 73, Larwill, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mr. Leitch was born May 2, 1928, in Noble County, to Noah and Edna (Diffendarfer) Leitch. He spent his early childhood on the family farm near Churubusco, and his early school years were spent in the Huckleberry School in Noble County. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

After completing his education, he was first employed as a home delivery bread route salesman for the Nickles Bakery. In the late 1950s he owned and operated Leitch Brothers Shell Service in Albion. He retired from Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne in June of 1990.

On Aug. 31, 1960, he married Alice Jean Harter. The couple always made their home in Larwill, except for a year and a half spent in Albion. Mrs. Leitch died on Feb. 28, 1987.

Mr. Leitch was affiliated with the Larwill United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Cheryl (Donald) Shaw of Kendallville, Melinda Leitch of Larwell, Carolyn (Steven) Dirck of Warsaw and Karen Price; two sons, Kerry (Bobbi) Leitch of Kendallville and John (Janelle) Leitch of Larwill; two sisters, Marie (Robert) Strater of Kendallville and Vera Applegate of Harlan; a brother, Laurell (Mary Anna) Leitch of Churubusco; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one step great-granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, the Rev. Todd Wilson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego, officiating. Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

Evening Star, Sun., Feb. 24, 2002 (cont'd)

Jacob Rheinheimer

BRISTOL — Jacob C. Rheinheimer, 81, Bristol, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Rheinheimer was born Aug. 6, 1920, in Wolford, N.D., to John Frederick and Gertrude (Yoder) Rheinheimer. He lived most of his life in LaGrange and Elkhart counties.

Mr. Rheinheimer

He married Kathleen A. Vanalman on May 6, 1978, in Harrisburg, Pa., and she survives.

He was a salesman in the recreational vehicle industry. He was an owner and jockey in sulky horse racing, and was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 425. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Karen Custer of Adamsville, Tenn.; four sons, James Rheinheimer of LaGrange, Jeffery Custer of Houston, Texas and David Rheinheimer of Bristol; four sisters, Sadie Lewis of Mesa, Ariz., Marian Brown of Topeka, Dela Hooley of Goshen and Rita Rose Tuttle of Mesa; two brothers, John Rheinheimer of Indianapolis and Stanley Rheinheimer of New Jersey; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Timothy, Raymond, Walter "Scott," James and Bill; and a sister, Vivian Rheinheimer.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, the Rev. Ken Livengood of the Bonneyville Mennonite Church officiating. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Community Hospice or United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002

Hazel Coats

BUTLER — Hazel I. Coats, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at 2:44 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Coats was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She won the Best of Show award in the culinary department of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. She loved gardening and cooking.

She was a past secretary of the Butler Fraternal Order of Eagles and a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and Butler American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Grass Valley, Calif., to Floyd and Anna Marie (Dink) Wells.

She married Russell A. Coats on Sept. 24, 1949. He died Aug. 20, 2001.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Coats of Butler, Ronald and Linda Coats of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Yun-Mi Coats of Butler, and Joseph and Rebecca Coats of Butler; one brother, Fred Wells of Willows, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Knisely Bank in Butler.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 25, 2002 (cont'd)

Helen King

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Helen Lydia King, 72, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. King was a homemaker. She lived in Columbus and formerly lived in Danbury, Ohio. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Danbury and a former member of the Order of Eastern Star in Port Clinton, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 19, 1929, in Fremont, Ohio, to Webb and Clara (Krauss) Kerns.

She married the Rev. Cecil E. King Jr. on June 5, 1046, in Danbury. He died Sept. 15, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, James King of Auburn, Jeffrey King of Mansfield and Gregory King of Ashland, Ohio; three daughters, Carol Jackman of Columbus, Mary King of Aliquippa, Pa., and Sandra McMillen of Mansfield, Ohio; two sisters, Ruth Moyer of Auburn and Evelyn Hartley of Bradenton, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A sister, Eileen Hartley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Danbury, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Gerner-Wolf-Brossia-Marsh Funeral Home, Port Clinton.

Memorials are to the church.

Margie Harter

AUBURN — Services for Margie B. Harter will be held Saturday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Harter, 87, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She worked at Schaab's Department Store, Warner Gear and Rieke Corp., all in Auburn, before retiring in 1986. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed needlepoint, channel surfing and her granddaughters.

She was born Aug. 22, 1914, in Steuben County to Frederick and Ida (Covell) Foster.

She married Joe Q. Harter, who died in 1969.

Surviving are one son, Michael Harter of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Collins of Colleyville, Texas; and two grandchildren, Katie Collins and Sammie Collins, both of Colleyville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivor Covell and Dr. Harry Covell, and an infant granddaughter, Ashley.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Daniel A. Ryan**, 14, died Saturday at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

SYRACUSE — **Elizabeth Johnson**, 95, of Syracuse, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Kokomo Memorial Park, Kokomo. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002

Hazel Coats

BUTLER — Hazel I. Coats, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at 2:44 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Coats was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She won the Best of Show award in the culinary department of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. She loved gardening and cooking.

Mrs. Coats

She was a past secretary of the Butler Fraternal Order of Eagles and a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and Butler American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Grass Valley, Calif., to Floyd and Anna Marie (Dink) Wells.

She married Russell A. Coats on Sept. 24, 1949. He died Aug. 20, 2001.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Coats of Butler, Ronald and Linda Coats of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Yun-Mi Coats of Butler, and Joseph and Rebecca Coats of Butler; one brother, Fred Wells of Willows, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Knisely Bank in Butler.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 26, 2002 (cont'd)

Juanita Daniels

GARRETT — Juanita Daniels, 62, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at 5:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Daniels was a machine operator at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1999. She was an avid gardener and loved to do home canning.

She was born Sept. 13, 1939, in Hindman, Ky., to Harry and Lou Annie (Mosley) Gooslin.

She married Lumm Daniels in 1957 in Hindman. He died in 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Bobby L. Daniels of Albion, Doug Daniels of St. Joe and David Daniels of Garrett; two daughters, Sharon McNutt and Gracy D. Wasson, both of Garrett; one sister, Ruth New of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

One brother, Bob Gooslin, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lung Division of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Berning

FORT WAYNE — Mildred L. "Millie" Berning, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven.

She was born in Fort Wayne and retired in 1995 from Berning Trailer Sales, where she worked for 43 years. Her husband, Paul H., survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Andre Stephanie of St. Paul, Minn., and Richard of New Haven; a daughter, Patricia Scott of New Haven; two sisters, Delores Webb of Fort Wayne and Betty Longardner of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. Calling is an hour prior to services and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial is in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in New Haven. Memorials should be directed to the Emanuel Lutheran air conditioning fund or Worship for Shut-Ins.

Barry Bragg

AUBURN — Barry R. Bragg, 51, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at 1:58 p.m. in a motorcyle accident on State Road 8 east of Auburn.

Mr. Bragg was a foreman at Steel Dynamics Inc. in Butler for six years.

He was born Feb. 10, 1951, in East Chicago, Ind.

Surviving are four sons and one daughter-in-law, Sebastian J. and Julie Bragg of Butler, and Simon L. Bragg, Jonah A. Bragg and Josh E. Bragg, all of Florida; and one granddaughter, Delainey M. Bragg of Butler.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Myrtle Green

FORT WAYNE — Myrtle J. Green, 59, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

The Columbus native was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny, and a daughter, Angela Green.

Surviving are her husband, Curtis; three daughters, Christina Flanery and Tammie Jewell, both of Fort Wayne, and Debra Hilbert of Columbia City; a son, Sonny of Middlesboro, Ky.; eight brothers, Delbert Burget of Arcola and Rick Burget, Kenneth Burget, James Burget, Arthur Burget, Harold Burget, David Burget and William Burget, all of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Melba Hurrah of Auburn, Joan Edminston of Fort Wayne and Margaret Sturdvent and Brenda Burget, both of Jeffersonville; seven grandchildren; and five great-granchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling is Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Memorials should be directed to the American Heart Association.

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Raymond Kinzer

AUBURN — Raymond L. Kinzer, 64, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, in Auburn.

Mr. Kinzer retired in 1993 as a machine operator at Dana Corp. with 33 years of service. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Dana Retirees and Northeast Beekeepers Association of Fort Wayne.

He was born March 16, 1937, in Mark Center, Ohio.

He married Anita M. Rentz on July 25, 1952, in Decatur, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Clifford and Susan Kinzer of Auburn, Michael Kinzer of Auburn, Leonard and Jeanette Kinzer of Garrett and Daniel and Sandra Kinzer of Dunedin, Fla.; two sisters, Margaret Huffman of Bryan, Ohio, and Linda L. Cottrell of Hicksville, Ohio; two half-sisters, Mary Godwin of Mendon, Ohio, and Betty Rickenberg of Defiance, Ohio; a half-brother, Keith Kinzer of Napoleon, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, Joshua, Dustin and Kassandra Kinzer of Garrett, Ryan and Travis Kinzer of Bryan; Kevin and Craig Kinzer of Auburn, and Ellen Kinzer of Dunedin, Fla.

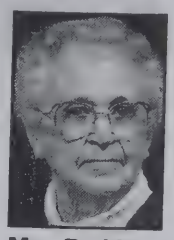
He was preceded in death by one sister, Sue Ellen Mullet in 1988; a half-brother, Kenneth Kinzer in 1971; and a grandson, Alexander Kinzer in 1988.

Services will be held at a later date. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Florence Perkins

STROH — Florence M. Perkins, 91, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.


Mrs. Perkins

She was a lifetime resident of Stroh and a member of the Stroh Church of Christ. She was also a 50-year member of the Sylvan Chapter 251 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born June 29, 1910, in LaGrange County, to Walter and Anna (Coney) Gravit. She married Floyd A. Perkins on July 3, 1932. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1987. She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Harold, Richard and Charles Gravit; and a daughter-in-law, Patricia Perkins.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Annetta L. Whittig of Hudson, Karen M. and Lynn Stockwell of Hudson, Martha F. Relford of Chicago and Marilyn K. and Daniel Faulkner of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Miles S. anmd Judith Perkins of Hudson and James W. Perkins of Wolcottville; a sister-in-law, Kathryn Gravit of Howe; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ. The Rev. Michael Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ. An Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at 8 p.m.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ.

Albert Schrock

LAGRANGE — Albert D. Schrock, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He worked as a machinist at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne and moved to LaGrange in 1999 from Spencerville.

He was born July 7, 1917, in Yoder, Kan., to Reuben T. and Susan (Yoder) Schrock.

He married Mary R. Edwards in Akron, Ohio, on April 25, 1946. She preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1996.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Lee, on Sept. 19, 1947;, three brothers; and a sister.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Robert Mauck of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis R. and Marcia Schrock of Freeman, S.D., and James A. and Sheri Schrock of Glendale, Ariz.; two sisters, Frances Beck of Leo and Ruth Gappinger of LaGrange; five brothers, Clayton Schrock of Cedarville, Elmer Schrock of Ellenton, Fla., Paul Schrock of Fort Wayne, Robert Schrock of Whitestown and William Schrock of Wolcottville; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Marion Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

The Rev. Brian Arbuckle will officiate.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Wed. Feb. 27, 2002 (cont'd)

Edwin Pebley

FORT WAYNE — Edwin A. Pebley, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was an ordained minister who served as a Church of Christ Pastor in South Milford and Macon, Ohio. He was employed by Guardian Photo Lab for 29 years, retiring in 1992. He also owned a piano-tuning business.

He was born in Johnstown, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine L.; a son, James Edwin of Woodburn; two daughters, Joyce Elaine Scheumann of Hoagland and Carol Jean Pebley of the Philippines; a brother, Robert of Anderson; a sister, Betty McClure of Bradenburg, Ky.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

B.Y. Butler

TYLER, Texas — B.Y. Butler, 77, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002.

Mr. Butler retired from Corpus Christi National Bank and the State National Bank in Big Spring, Texas. He later did bank consulting with Laughlin National Bank in Laughlin, Nev. He held leadership roles in the American Heart Association and various banking organizations.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Tec. 4 in the 42nd Cavalry Division under General George Patton in the European theater. After his military service, he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in finance from Louisiana State University and a master of business administration from Harvard.

He was born in Auburn to Ralph and Beatrice Butler.

He married Loreen L. Lawhead on Dec. 3, 1943, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Dr. David E. Black of Sulphur Springs, Texas; two granddaughters, Kaylene and Kaytlin Black; two brothers, Robert Butler of Hamilton and Donald Butler of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Eugene and Phillip Butler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Lloyd James Funeral Chapel, 1011 E. First St., Tyler. Burial will be in Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Daniel L. Dospoy**, 86, died Tuesday in Northern Lakes Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

NEWBURGH — **Myrtle Loomis**, 98, died Sunday in Cypress Grove Rehabilitation Center in Evansville. Graveside services Friday in Elmwood Cemetery, Hammond.

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Kurt Henkel

FORT WAYNE — Kurt R. Henkel, 97, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Lutheran Home.

He was born in Wells County and worked for H.J. Heinz Co., L.C. Mercantile Co. and Fort Wayne Transit Co., retiring in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Paula K.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jane Evans of New Haven; a son, Richard N. of Auburn; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Home Chapel. Burial is in Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Lutheran Home.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Lee

AUBURN — Lawrence "Timer" Lee, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at his home on Elm Street in Auburn.

Mr. Lee worked for Daily Asphalt for 20 years, retiring in 1982. He lived in Fort Myers, Fla., from 1982 to 1997.

He was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to John A. and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee.

He married Katherine Copeland on April 9, 1949, in the Auburn Methodist Church. She died Feb. 7, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Evana and Jerry Keener of Newville and Judy and Stanley Freeman of Auburn; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Joan and John Weimer of Auburn, Mary Sue and Harry Hoham of Auburn, and Diane and Edwin Perkins of Kendallville; four sisters, Meda Brons of Harlingen, Texas, Thelma Funk of Hasty, Ark., and Thresa Smith of Auburn and Carol Panyard of Jimmerson Lake, Angola; three brothers, Ralph of Lake Placid, Fla., and Robert and Donald, both of Auburn; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Barber officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Carol Antrup

BUTLER — Carol I. Antrup, 61, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at her home in Butler.

Mrs. Antrup worked for Foamex in Auburn for 11 years. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2733 in Butler for more than 20 years and also belonged to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Antrup

She was born March 26, 1940, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Melvin "Gip" and Alice (Hosea) Harris. Her mother survives in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She married James A. Antrup on June 28, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev. He died Dec. 10, 1999.

Surviving in addition to her mother are a daughter, Nancy Raneri of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Donna Harris of Butler; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Virginia and Jerry Munson of Metamora, Ill. and Mary Ann Callahan of Imperial, Mo.; five grandchildren, Leon, Elmer and Christopher Sides, Daniel Ing and Sarah Trubey; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Sides, as well as her father and husband.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Burial will be at Bark's Chapel in Crump, Mo.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Ford & Sons Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Daniel L. Dospoy**, 86, died Tuesday. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday after 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

ANGOLA — **Luella P. Cook**, 82, died Wednesday at 3:40 a.m. Services pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

KENTWOOD, Mich. — **Wilma J. Fortier**, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, and one hour prior to services.

LIGONIER — **Mary E. Smith**, 85, died Wednesday at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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William Cummins III

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — William Henry "Billy" Cummins III, 42, died Thursday, Feb. 28, in Filling Memorial Home of Mercy in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Cummins had lived in Napoleon for the past eight years and formerly lived in Hicksville. He attended Quadco Adult Enrichment Center and Good Samaritan. He was active in the Special Patterning Program, Special Olympics and weekly Bible studies and chapel. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville.

He was born Nov. 16, 1959, in Hicksville to William and Vera (Camp) Cummins. They survive in Hicksville.

Also surviving are one brother, Russell Cummins of Hicksville; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Charmagne and Larry Kennerk of Fort Wayne, and Tabitha Cummins of Hicksville.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Church of Christ with calling after 1 p.m. Minister Ken Wellman and the Rev. Denise Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Filling Home of Mercy or its bird aviary, or Christian Children's Home.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Luella P. Cook**, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002 at 3:40 a.m. at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center in Angola. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FREMONT — **Okey Foster Jr.**, 82, died Thursday. Services Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Masonic service Sunday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

ROME CITY — **Ruth I. (Koonsman) Knappenberger**, 95, died Wednesday at her daughter's residence. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Kokomo. Calling is one hour prior to services. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

KIMMELL — **Lillie "Cricket" Ritchie**, 58, died Wednesday at her home. ervices will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2002

Robert Steffel

NORTH JUDSON — Robert "Bob" Emil Steffel, 72, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox.

Mr. Steffel worked as a health inspector for the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. He also worked for the Starke County Sheriff's Department.

He was a member of the North Judson Masonic Lodge and a 32nd degree member of the South Bend Scottish Rite.

A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he belonged to the North Judson post of the American Legion, the American Legion 40 & 8 club, the Starke County Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was born Oct. 23, 1929, in North Judson to Frank and Rose (Surma) Steffel.

He married Betty Olsen on Nov. 10, 1952, in Elkton, Md. She survives in North Judson.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Paul Row of St. Joe and Karen and Martin Roller of North Judson; two sisters, Emily Brown and Carol Luedtke, both of North Judson; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Steffel, and a grandson, Gerald Thomas.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Braman and Bailey Funeral Home, 6020 S. Oakwood Ave., North Judson, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in North Judson.

Calling is Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The North Judson Masonic Lodge will conduct a memorial service on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin.

Elizabeth Kibe

NECTARINE, Pa. — Elizabeth A. Kibe, 90, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at UPMC Northwest in Franklin, Pa.

Mrs. Kibe was a homemaker and a former resident of Elizabeth and West Elizabeth, Pa. She lived in Auburn in the late 1970s and was a member of American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary in Auburn.

She was born March 12, 1911, in Duquesne, Pa. to Joseph L. and Mary Ann (Spark) Atkinson.

She married Robert T. Kibe, who died in 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Walter Robert Kibe of Nectarine, Pa. and Joseph L. Kibe of Corunna; a daughter, Donna Mae Martinelli of Sutersville, Pa.; a sister, Sara A. Taylor of Tallahassee, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Myrtle Browand, and one son, Ron Kibe.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. in the Paul E. Bekavac Funeral Home Chapel, 221 Second St., Elizabeth, Pa., with the Rev. Jay Fields officiating. Burial will be in Round Hill Cemetery in Elizabeth.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Esther L. Murphy**, 92, died Friday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel.

ALBION — **Silas Acres**, 92, died Thursday at his home. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Dorothy Irene Shortridge

Fort Wayne — 1911-2002

Dorothy Irene Shortridge, 90, of Fort Wayne, a member of Village Green Free Methodist Church, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Waterloo native was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing. Surviving are her son, Clayton C. "Bud" of Fort Wayne; daughter, Kandice "Kandy" Miller of Fort Wayne; sister, Eldora Lower of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Homes, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday and one hour before services. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to Village GreenFree Methodist Church.

Information provided by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Homes, 6810 Old Trail Road, 747-3186.

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Polly Turner Massey

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Polly Turner Massey, 74, of Cub Run, Ky., died Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, 2002, at Caverna Memorial Hospital in Horse Cave, Ky., following a lingering illness.

She was a former resident of Williams County, Ohio.

Mrs. Massey retired as a nurse's aide at Caverna Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Macedonia United Baptist Church.

She was born in Stockholm, Ky., in Edmonson County to Franklin and Dorothy (Byrns) Kerr.

She was married to Richard Turner and later to Henderson Massey. Both husbands preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Barbara Turner and Lee and Penny Turner, all of Pioneer, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Wayne Firestone of Edon, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and several step-grandchildren; two sisters, Nelda Prather of Munfordville, Ky., and Joyce Buehrer of Wauseon, Ohio; five brothers, Rudolph Kerr of Campbellsville, Ky., Jack Kerr of Munfordville, Ky., Don Kerr of Swanton, Ohio, Russ Kerr of Cub Run, Ky., and Elery Kerr of Denver, Colo.; a special friend of 25 years, Glenford Otto Logsdon; a stepdaughter and her husband, Dottie and Howard Massie of Houma, La..; and a stepson, Louis Sambo Massey of Houma, La.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, two stepsons, two sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 .m. in Obsorn Cemetery, Hillsdale County, Mich., with Pastor Terry Baldwin officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to The Salvation Army.

Lenora Leitch

WOLF LAKE — Lenora Jean Leitch, 74, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at 1:35 p.m. in Wayne County Hospital in Monticello, Ky.

Mrs. Leitch

Mrs. Leitch worked for Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, Whitley County Memorial Hospital, the Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City, St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne and the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, retiring from Sacred Heart Home.

She was born May 30, 1927, in Noble County to Prentiss and Dortha J. (Dazy) Miller.

When she was 4, her family moved to Wolf Lake. After graduating from Wolf Lake High School, she received her nursing degree from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She married Theron "Whitey" Leitch on Sept. 4, 1948, and he survives. They lived in the Wolf Lake area and, since 1986, spent the winter months in Monticello, Ky.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Steven Leitch of Fredericksburg, Va., and William V. and Frances Leitch of Wolf Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Lawrence Engle of Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Monna and Forrest Parks of Avilla and Lecinda and Robert Keisling of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson, pastor of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Agnes Culbertson

AUBURN — Agnes H. Culbertson, 101, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 2:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Culbertson

Mrs. Culbertson worked at Auburn Rubber Co. for 16 1/2 years before retiring in 1958. She was an active volunteer with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

She was born Nov. 27, 1900, in Paulding, Ohio, to Paul and Mary Helen (Knott) Leis.

She married Ross Culbertson on Sept. 29, 1921, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Sept. 11, 1982.

Surviving are three sons, Donald K. Culbertson of St. Joe, Richard "Dick" Culbertson of Bradenton, Fla. and Eugene "Gene" Culbertson of Auburn; a daughter, DeEtta Close of Auburn; two sisters, Angeline Jackson and Grace Burdinski, both of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Paul and Arthur Culbertson; one daughter, Wilma Beuchel; four brothers, Pete, Alfred, Ambrose and Sylvester; and three sisters, Bertha, Pauline and Veronica.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Mary Miller

MENTOR, Ohio — Mary June Miller, 79, of Concord, Ohio, and formerly of Elkhart, passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Heartland of Mentor Nursing Home at Mentor, Ohio.

Mrs. Miller served as the assessor of Concord Township in Elkhart County, retiring in 1994. She had lived with her daughter in Concord, Ohio, since 1997.

She frequently appeared as an oratorio soloist, as well as in the operatic and recital repertoire in the Midwest and on the East Coast. She was a soloist at First Church of Christ Scientist in Elkhart for over 25 years, and a prominent teacher of voice in the Elkhart area.

She was a past member of the board of directors of the Michiana Ballet Association, Elkhart Symphony, Commission for Historic and Cultural Preservation and the Legislative Commission for Indiana Assessors.

She also was a member of the Elkhart County Democratic Women's Club and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Evan Bayh in 1993 for her humanity in living, loyalty in friendship, wisdom in counsel and inspiration in leadership.

She was born June 30, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Stanley and Rhodella (Johnson) Devitt.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Leslie Roberts of Concord, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Linda Miller of Elkhart; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 23, 2002, at 11 a.m. in Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home of Elkhart. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Beverly Emrick

CHURUBUSCO — Beverly E. Emrick, 76, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 4:20 a.m. at her home in Churubusco.

Mrs. Emrick had been in declining health for some time and had been more seriously ill for the past two weeks.

She had been the payroll supervisor at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 27 years. She retired in 1973.

Mrs. Emrick was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and the Gene Stratton Porter Memorial Society.

She was born April 11, 1925, in Kendallville to Orea and Alice (Jones) Mulholland. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

She married Emerson M. Emrick on June 12, 1945, and he survives. The couple lived in Kendallville before moving to Churubusco in 1974.

Also surviving are a brother, Orea "Tony" Mulholland of Kendallville, and a great-niece, Jessica Boyd of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Oliva Campbell; and a nephew, Larry Campbell.

At the request of Mrs. Emrick, there will be no public services or calling hours. Burial will take place at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton Porter Society or the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Patrick Murray

WATERLOO — Patrick James Murray, 36, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at 10 a.m. at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Murray worked for Airway Manufacturing in Waterloo and worked as a mechanic at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn for the past 10 years.

He was a member of United Steel Workers Local 715 and a 1982 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born April 18, 1965, to Michael and Veronica (Heaton) Murray in Bolton, Lancashire, England. His parents survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a special friend, Susan Cobbs of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Leigh Murray of Fort Wayne, and Mike and Judy Murray of Angola; three nephews, Alexander Murray, Mathew Wilcox and Samuel Wilcox; a niece, Madolyn Murray; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins living in the United States and United Kingdom.

Services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Paul Wilson Hill

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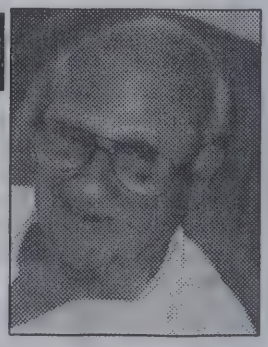

Paul Wilson Hill, 88, of Fort Wayne, a past member of Salem United Church of Christ, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Riverbend Health Care Center.

"He loved sports, working crossword puzzles and riding his bike on the Rivergreenway." The Garrett native was self-employed at Modern Pattern Works in Richmond for 55 years. Surviving are his wife, Opal; daughters Kay E. Ambrose of Huntington, and Deborah S. Berk of Crown Point; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis E. Coil. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Information provided by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, 424-1525.

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Kathy Miller

ROME CITY — Kathy Jo Miller, 47, of Rome City, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange and Noble counties.

She was born Feb. 7, 1955, in LaGrange to Zopher and Esther L. (Marchand) Randol. They preceded her in death.

She married Martin Lee Miller Oct. 20, 1973, in LaGrange, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anjo and Thomas Chitwood of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph L. and Michelle Miller of Wolcottville; a sister, Brenda Sayer of Ashley; a brother, Terry Randol of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the LaGrange Baptist Church, 1370 N. S.R. 9, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeffrey Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at LaGrange Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Butler

ONEONTA, Ala. — Glenn Allen Butler, 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Scottsboro, Ala.

Mr. Butler had lived in Oneonta for 10 years and worked for Rust Engineering in Birmingham, Ala.

He was born Oct. 22, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Cecil E. and Lillian (Christian) Butler. He grew up in Grabill.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Nancy Butler of Fort Wayne, and Kirsten and Steve Sanderford of Richmond, Va.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Gary A. and Linda Butler of Brighton, Mich., and Richard E. Butler of Scottsboro, Ala. and Snow Lake; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Lyle Eugene and Nancy Butler of Carmel, and Marjorie Butler of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Clyde Butler of Waterloo.

Private memorial services will be held at Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo.

Marie Fisher

AUBURN — M. Marie Fisher, 94, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker and was retired as a beautician at the Clip & Curl Beauty Shop, Decatur. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur and Faith Circle.

She was born Aug. 12, 1907, in Adams County to David and Dora (Knodel) Ritter.

She married Orval D. Fisher on Nov. 19, 1929. He died Nov. 11, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Carl Ritter, and a sister, Blanche Merriman.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Evelyn McAlhany and Alice Little, both of Auburn, and Ellenora and Lloyd Dunwiddie of Allegan, Mich.; two brothers, Earl Ritter of Roseville, Mich., and Ralph Ritter of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Toni and Tim McAlhany, both of Auburn; Suzanne Hazen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Kelly and Erin Dunwiddie, both of Allegan, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Jennifer Borden of Graham, N.C., Rob McAlhany of Auburn and Stephanie and Jared Hazen of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Fuhrman Miller officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Shelter in DeKalb County.

Beulah Smith

BUTLER — Beulah Smith, 83, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at 4:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a machine operator at Universal Tool in Butler for 24 years before retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the Alvarado United Methodist Church in Hamilton.

She was born May 13, 1918, in Dolphin, Pa., to Alfred and Anna Dietrich.

She married Earl Banks Miller in 1937. He died in 1944.

In 1959, she married Morris L. Smith, who died in 1985.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and William Lee, Tillie and Dale Wildeson and Judy and Lewis A. Ault, all of Butler; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and 6 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Earl "Sonny" Miller; one grandson, five brothers and five sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Alvarado United Methodist Church, 800 E. Metz Road, Hamilton, with the Rev. Mike Halferty and the Rev. Richard Donges officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Alvarado United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Tina Myers

AVILLA — Tina L. Myers, 44, of Avilla, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and a member of the Fellowship Bible Church in Kendallville and the Liberty Mills Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed ceramics and painting.

She was born Dec. 30, 1957 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Carl O. Myers of Avilla; her mother and stepfather, Harriet M. and Josef R. Smereczuk of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Martin R. and Martha Houser of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Mark R. Houser and Michael A. Houser, both of Fort Wayne; and a stepsister, Gaby Fronk, who lives in Germany.

A daughter, Jamie Marie Myers, died as an infant in 1989.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana Northeast Chapter.

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Frank Wilhelm

FORT WAYNE — Frank Leo Wilhelm, 61, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilhelm was the office manager of A.H. Perfect and was a truck driver for Food Marketing and Foamex in Auburn. He retired in 1998.

He graduated from Arcola High School in 1958. He was a past member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Arcola and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. He enjoyed his tree farm, gardening, flowers and playing cards.

He was born Aug. 3, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Joseph Leo Wilhelm and Angela Rose (Talarico) Wilhelm. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Kelli Turner and Kathleen Farmer, both of Auburn, and Kimberly Thompson and Kara Kester, both of Garrett; three sons, Anthony Wilhelm and Nicholas Wilhelm, both of Auburn, and Thomas Wilhelm of Garrett; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, David Wilhelm, preceded him in death in 2000.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne.

David Galbraith

FORT WAYNE — David J. Galbraith, 85, died Sunday, March 2, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

A Philadelphia native, he worked for Galbraith Nursery for 48 years, retiring in 2000. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; four sons, Timothy Galbraith of Indianapolis, Daniel Galbraith of Fort Wayne, Robert Galbraith of Ashley and David Galbraith of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters, Patricia Wilson of Angola and Tamara Wornock of South Bend; a sister, Jean Sawyer of New Church, Va.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Lillian M. Grigsby**, 49, died Friday. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with calling after noon.

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Helen Elaine Gaskill Crouch

Pierceton – 1913-2002

Helen Elaine Gaskill Crouch, 89, of Pierceton, a member of Pierceton United Methodist Church, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

The Auburn native was a homemaker and was a member of Pierceton Home Economics Club and United Methodist Women. Surviving are sons Jim of South Whitley, and Joe of Anderson; a daughter, Janet Mishler of Pierceton; a brother, Harold Gaskill of North Webster; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton, with calling from 2:30 to 4:30 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery. News-Sentinel

Information provided by McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton, 1-574-594-2172.

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Grover Hill, Ohio – 1913-2002

Berman Gattshall, 88, of Grover Hill, Ohio, a member of Middle Creek United Methodist Church, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at Paradise Oaks Health Care Center, Cloverdale, Ohio.

The Jackson Township native was a lifelong farmer and worked at the Lima Tank Depot during World War II. Surviving are his daughter, Ramona K. Gephart of Decatur; a brother, Glenn O. of Rockford; a sister, Betty J. Miller of Grover Hill; five grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorotha, and a brother. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with calling one hour before services and from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill. Memorials are to Paradise Oaks Health Care Center.

Information provided by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio, 1-419-399-2866.

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Dick Clifford

COLUMBIA CITY — Dick L. Clifford Jr., 51, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Columbia City native worked most recently for BRC Rubber in Churubusco. He was also employed by S&L Truck Stop, Station House, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Bob Evans of Warsaw. He was also a carrier for the Post & Mail of Columbia City. He formerly served as treasurer of Community of Hope Grace Brethren Church.

Surviving are his wife, Becky; a daughter, Karianna Clifford of Columbia City; a brother, Steven W. Clifford of Churubusco; and three stepbrothers, Ralph Craig of Arizona, Jerry Craig of Fort Wayne and Jack Craig of Columbia City.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is in Eberhard Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Karianna M. Clifford Education Fund.

Martha Stout

BUTLER — Martha L. Stout, 84, of Butler, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Stout was a homemaker and a former member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna. She enjoyed word searches, puzzles and baking.

She was born Aug. 25, 1917, to Frank and Anna Hunt.

Her husband, Raymond, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Janet Stout of Crossville, Tenn.; one sister, Pauline Murrell of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Rick Stout of Lake Orion, Mich., Rusty Stout of Kendallville, Jody Laub of Hamilton and Randy Stout of Waterloo.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Virginia Fawley

BUTLER — Virginia M. "Jeny" Fawley, 74, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was an assembler at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1988. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of Central High School. She loved to travel and work in her flower garden.

She was born May 26, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Bessie (Tumblin) Fawley.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Ron and Doris Parrish of Garrett, and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Toby, Wayne, Bob and Leon; and two sisters, Helen and Dorothy.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling there after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

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Terry Randol

ASHLEY — Terry D. Randol, 50, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 5:45 a.m. in his Ashley home.

He and his wife owned Terry Randol Small Engine Repair and Enchanted Forest Mobile Home & R.V. Park in Okeechobee, Fla. He was also in retail management in Ocala, Fla., and worked at Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Garrett until his illness. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church.

Mr. Randol

Mr. Randol was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam and Germany. He enjoyed outdoor activities, hunting, fishing and ice fishing.

He was born Oct. 22, 1951, in LaGrange to Zopher R. "Butch" and Esther (Marchand) Randol.

He married Jo-Elaine Kribbs on July 29, 1983 in Ocala, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Christine Hefty of Waterloo; two sons, Doug of Missouri and Terry Jr. of Auburn; a stepdaughter and special friend, Linda Crampton of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Steve Sayer of Ashley; a brother-in-law, Marty Miller of Rome City; four grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

A sister, Kathy Miller, two uncles and one aunt preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church, 2372 State Road 4, Ashley, with calling there after noon. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery with military graveside services.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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James Tageson

BRYAN, Ohio — James M. Tageson, 80, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at 11:05 p.m. in Harborside Care Center in Bryan after an extended illness.

Mr. Tageson was a lineman with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers in Philadelphia for 30 years before moving to the Bryan area. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Chamberlain, S.D., to James C. and Pauline (Scott) Tageson.

He married Lydia Stein in February 1958. She died in 1990.

Surviving are one sister, Virginia Barron of Bryan, Ohio; two nephews, Jim Barron of Fort Wayne and Robert Tageson of Hamilton; one niece, Vicki Meyers of Waterloo; a friend, Dorothy Panning of Bryan; and three great-nephews and great-nieces.

Services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with calling after noon. Pastor Eric Daley will officiate.

Burial will follow in Metz Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Northwest Regional Dialysis Center in Bryan.

Benny Ricketts

BUTLER — Benny L. Ricketts Sr., 82, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 11:59 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ricketts had worked as a supervisor. He had lived in Butler for the past two years.

He was born Sept. 20, 1919, in Harvest, Ala., to Carroll E. and Willie Beatrice (Vinson) Ricketts.

Surviving are his wife, Alice V. Ricketts; one son, Benny L. Ricketts Jr. of Garrett; one daughter, Anne Woodward of Garrett; two brothers, Henry Ricketts of Huntsville, Ala., and Everett Ricketts of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betsy Ricketts; three grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Jane West

FORT WAYNE — Jane H. West, 49, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 3:20 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. West worked at Steel Dynamics Inc. in Butler for six years, retiring in 2001 because of ill health. She attended Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe. She graduated in 1970 from Hicksville High School in Hicksville, Ohio.

She was born July 26, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Sam and Barbara (Brinker) Barkman. Her parents survive in Hicksville.

Also surviving are three sons, Brandon Barkman, Sam West and Cristopher West, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Glenn Barkman and Paul Barkman, both of St. Joe, and John Barkman of Hicksville; three sisters, Sue Sanders of Fort Pierce, Fla., Vera Ball of Fort Wayne and Rita Virt of Indianapolis.

One brother, James Barkman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Scott Qualls and Pastor Brad Ball officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Gladys Corbin

ST. JOE — Gladys M. Corbin, 91, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Corbin was a homemaker and lived in rural St. Joe.

She was born June 20, 1910, in DeKalb County to Ezra C. and Inez Iona (Wiler) Weicht.

She married Lloyd O. Corbin on Oct. 9, 1933, in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 3, 1996.

Surviving are one son, Francis Corbin of St. Joe; and one daughter, Delores Corbin of St. Joe.

Four brothers, Olen, Lester, Leo and Ivan Weicht, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mercy Johnson

BUTLER — Mercy L. Johnson, 89, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 5 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker in Butler and a member of the Ener-Jets Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born June 3, 1912, in Shotow, Okla., to Harvey and Mercy (Case) Fisher.

She married Russell Johnson on Oct. 6, 1939, in Defiance, Ohio. He died Feb. 12, 1988.

Surviving are one daughter, Sally Johnson of Butler; and one sister, Bonnie Kiene of Valley City, Ohio.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Frank Weller will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Memorial Gardens, Defiance.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard L. Salesman**, 72, died Tuesday at his home. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township in Fort Wayne. Calling is one hour prior to services and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Homer E. Bontrager**, 78, died Tuesday at his home. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Ervin R. Bontrager residence in Shipshewana. Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Ervin R. Bontrager residence.

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Benny Ricketts Sr.

GARRETT — Benny L. Ricketts Sr., 82, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 11:59 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ricketts had worked as a supervisor at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 35 years, retiring in 1984.

He had lived in Butler for the past year and was a Garrett resident for 50 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Sept. 20, 1919, in Harvest, Ala., to Carroll E. and Willie Beatrice (Vinson) Ricketts.

He married Alice V. Countryman on April 4, 1942, in Wauseca, Minn. She survives

Also surviving are one son, Benny L. Ricketts Jr. of Garrett; one daughter, Anne Woodward of Garrett; two brothers, Henry Ricketts of Huntsville, Ala., and Everett Ricketts of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betsy Ricketts; three grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Dr. Terry Timson will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Marjorie Pilliod

BROWNSBURG, Ind. — Marjorie Jean Golden Pilliod, 86, died Feb. 25, 2002, in Brownsburg Health Care Center.

Mrs. Pilliod was an insurance agent and operated Tri-State Insurance Agency in Angola with her second husband. She lived most of her life in Angola, moving to Indianapolis in 1996 to be closer to her son.

She was a member of the Angola Congregational Church.

She was born in Flint, Ind., to Barton and Delia (Thompson) Golden. She was married to Dr. Wendell A. Preston and Charles "Gill" Pilliod.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy Delia (Pilliod) and David Kloos of Avon, Ohio, and Emily Preston Bortz and Donald W. Bortz Jr. of Marietta, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip Golden Preston and Ramona Preston of Indianapolis; a sister, Ruth Golden Austin of Silver Springs, Fla.; a brother, Barton Golden Jr. of Auburn; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

Two sisters, Lorene Barger and Lois Buck, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at a later date in the spring. Her ashes will be buried in Flint Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Animal Shelter.

A.R.N. Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Bechtol

FREMONT — Palph Bechtol, 64, died Tuesday afternoon, March 5, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

He was an employee of Edon Farmers Co-Op Columbia Mill for many years.

Mr. Bechtol lived in Fremont and formerly lived in the Montpelier and Edon areas in Ohio.

He was born July 27, 1937, near Montpelier to Alfred and Elgie (Henry) Bechtol. His mother survives in Montpelier and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are four sons, Michael Bechtol, Ivan Bechtol and Randy Bechtol, all of Fremont, and Fred Bechtol of Kalkaska, Mich.; two daughters, Diane Zundell of Kalkaska and Connie Sue Bechtol of Florida; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Martin and Joyce Bechtol of Montpelier, Leslie and Martha Bechtol of Edon, and Denver and Barbara Bechtol of Montpelier; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sue and Ed Gipple of Montpelier, and Esther Asbury of Smithville, Tenn.; and several grandchildren.

Two infant sisters preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held today at 11 a.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, with Minister Cliff Graves officiating.

Memorials are to Williams County Home Health Care.

Wilson-Geesy Funeral Home, Montpelier, is in charge of arrangements.

Lelah Gilbert

METZ — Lelah May Gilbert, 89, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at her daughter's home in Metz.

Mrs. Gilbert was a piano teacher from the age of 15 until her death. She was a lifelong resident of Metz and a member of the Metz Christian Church, where she played piano and organ from 1937 until her death. She had played for 112 weddings.

She was a member of the Home Economics Club for 54 years and a volunteer 4-H leader for 35 years. She was honored for her service to 4-H at the 1966 Indiana State Fair.

She was born May 15, 1912, in Alvarado to Ora E. and Elizabeth R. (Kiess) Eyster.

She married Donald Gilbert on Dec. 22, 1933. He died Dec. 21, 1990.

Surviving are one son, Stanley Gilbert of Metz; one daughter, Elaine Graham of Metz; 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Wendell Gilbert in 1986; three brothers, Isaac, Ernest and Paul Eyster; and one sister, Lois McClellan.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Metz Christian Church with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Metz Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the church.

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James Capen

ORLAND — James R. "Pops" Capen, 66, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in his Orland residence.

Mr. Capen was a metallurgical engineer for Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity at Purdue University, from which he graduated in 1957.

Mr. Capen

He was born March 9, 1935, in Auburn to James M. and Helen M. (Smith) Capen. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his former wife, Lyndall F. Nelson of Indianapolis; one son, James Jess Capen of Indianapolis; one daughter, Lisa Dawn Staton of Indianapolis; one sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Larry Lantz of Auburn; and two stepgrandchildren, Sierra Storm and Sabea Moulton, both of Indianapolis.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Sandra Fisher

SHELBYVILLE — Sandra Kay "Sandy" Fisher, 44, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in her Shelbyville home.

She was a security guard at Initial Corp., retiring in 2001.

She was born June 16, 1957, in Seymour, Ind., to Raymond E. and Bessie E. (Fox) Money. Her mother survives in Angola and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two sons, David Fisher of Sullivan and Billy Pray of Terre Haute; one daughter, Christine Maxey of Sullivan; three brothers, Garland E. Money of Sullivan, and Ray Allen Money and Freddie Joe Money, both of Angola; four sisters, Debra Alumbaugh of Hymera, Sherri Bickel and Starr Etchison, both of Angola, and Tudi Money of Ashley; one grandson, Tyler Maxey; and a companion, Lyle Trich of Shelbyville.

One grandson, Malakey Fisher, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery, North Vernon, Ind., with Don Mateer officiating. There will be no calling.

Carmony-Ewing Funeral Homes, 232 W. Broadway, Shelbyville, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Cox

NOBLE, La. — Edna M. Cox, 93, died Tuesday morning, March 5, 2002, at her son's home in Noble, La.

Mrs. Cox lived most of her adult life in Fort Wayne before moving to Branch County, Mich., about 1977. She moved to Noble in 1998.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and needlework. After high school graduation, she attended college for two years.

She was born Sept. 27, 1908, in Montpelier, Ohio, to William D. and Minnie (Creek) Zigler.

She married Joseph K. Cox in 1933 in Fort Wayne. He died in October 1981.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Ellen Cox of Noble; a sister, Lois Smith of Harlan; a sister-in-law, Loretta Zigler of Montpelier; eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Four brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, Mich. Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Donald Kite

INDIANAPOLIS — Donald J. Kite, 84, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in Danville, Ind.

Mr. Kite was a cutter grinder at Allison Division of General Motors for 35 years, retiring in 1976. He lived in Indianapolis and was a 50-year member of Parke Masonic Lodge 8. He also was involved in UAW Local 933, Hendricks Community Hospital Volunteer Services, the Boy Scouts for several years, and Church by the Side of the Road.

He was the 1935 state championship drum major for Rockville High School.

He was born April 16, 1917, in Guion, Ind., to Lemual and Cealia (Taylor) Kite.

He married Lucile Elsen, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Ann Spear of Waterloo and Deborah Jean Havens of Greencastle; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Conkle Funeral Home-Hendricks County Chapel in Avon. Graveside services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Bethany Cemetery in Marshall. Harlan Kincade will officiate.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Gideons International.

Area Death

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Kyle D. Johnson**, 15, died Monday at LaGrange Hospital. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Margie Harter

AUBURN — Graveside services for Margie B. Harter will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Family and friends will gather at 3 p.m. for a buffet at Ambrosia Restaurant in Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Harter, 87, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She worked at Schaab's Department Store, Warner Gear and Rieke Corp., all in Auburn, before retiring in 1986. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed needlepoint, channel surfing and her granddaughters.

She was born Aug. 22, 1914, in Steuben County to Frederick and Ida (Foster) Covell.

She married Joe Q. Harter, who died in 1969.

Surviving are one son, Michael Harter of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Collins of Colleyville, Texas; and two granddaughters, Katie Collins and Sammie Collins, both of Colleyville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivor Covell and Dr. Harry Covell, and an infant granddaughter.

Mary Knight

FORT WAYNE — Mary L. Knight, 67, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at her home.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are five sons, Ben E. Knight of Garrett and Charles E. Knight, Howard D. Knight, Robert A. Knight and Ken J. Knight, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kathy Szabo of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Fay E. Surface of Arcola and Betty J. Chapman of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial is in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc.

Lucille Shippy

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille "Gal" Esselburn Shippy, 95, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Shippy

She worked as a cook at Dairy Queen and, with her husband, managed the Publix Motel & Restaurant. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star Noble Chapter 122, and a member of the Dorcas Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, the Lady Democrats of Noble County, the Second Time Around Club and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

She was born Oct. 20, 1906, in DeKalb County to Marc William and Mabel (Barnhart) Esselburn. She married Robert Samuel Shippy Jan. 26, 1926, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death Oct. 2, 1977. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Vernie and Jay Esselburn, and, in January 1927, by an infant son, Robert Samuel Shippy Jr.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Eugene and Joan Shippy of Kendallville; four grandchildren and their spouses, Marsha and Wendell Fritz, Melinda and Kevin Hamman and Donald Jr. and Nancy Shippy, all of Kendallville, and Robert and Cyndi Shippy of Angola; and nine great-grandchildren, Sam Fritz and his wife, Shannon Fritz, Robert Andrew Shippy, Molly Fritz, Kathryn Shippy, Chris Hamman, Seth Fritz, Carrie Hamman, Aaron Heinke and Lakan Shippy.

Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Drs. David Hogsett and Daniel Barker will officiate. Eastern Star services are 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Shepherd of the Hill.

Alice Burley

BRYAN, Ohio — Alice LaRue Burley, 85, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Hillside Country Living in Bryan.

Mrs. Burley was a homemaker and had worked at Spangler Candy Co. and Lester's Diner. She was a correspondent for area newspapers.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Bryan and a former member of the Farmer Church of Christ. She was a past member of the Grange.

She was born May 14, 1916, in Farmer, Ohio, to Sherman and Susue (Miller) Blosser.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and John Lougheed of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Verna Jean "Vee" Psurny of Bryan, and Mike and Lynn Psurny of Fremont, Ind.; six stepchildren and their spouses, Arlette and Mike Lopshire of Haviland, Ohio, Jerry and Janice Burley of Hamilton, Ind., Monyea and Charles Countryman of Edgerton, Ohio, Karen and Jim Stephenson of Fort Wayne, Fred and Molly Burley of Fort Wayne, and Linda and Butch Garman of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Edith and Harold Whitman of Bryan, and Opal Engler of Edgerton; eight grandchildren, 27 stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, 47 stepgreat-grandchildren, three stepgreat-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Joe Psurny and Ernest Burley; one sister, Wilma Lucille Blosser; five brothers, Herb, Ralph, Richard, Harry and Clifford Blosser; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Bryan, with the Rev. Larry Snavely and Dean Phillips officiating. Burial will follow at Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rice Funeral Home, 225 E. High St., Bryan.

Memorials are to the church or to Anna's House at Hillside Country Living.

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Tharon Bohde

FORT WAYNE — Tharon O. Bohde, 79, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

She worked for many years as a secretary and medical clerk at St. Joseph Hospital.

Surviving are seven sons, Jerry Bohde of Churubusco, Richard Bohde of New Haven, Thomas Bohde of Columbia City, and James, Timothy, Randy and Kevin Bohde, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Michele Dickerson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Helen Matter and Nancy Rian, both of Fort Wayne, and Juanita Parker of Auburn; a brother, Clarence Gatchell Jr. of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren; and 46 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Bohde, who died in 1980.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frank France

NEW HAVEN — Frank N. France, 81, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Harborside Healthcare Center in New Haven.

He worked as a truck driver for Elways Express, retiring in 1977. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Jack France of Fort Wayne and Ricky France of Churubusco; a daughter, Jill Gick of Spencerville; two sisters, Margaret McMaster of New Haven and Doris Ann France of Beech Grove; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled. Burial is in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 1-4 p.m. Saturday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

Dale Nixon

KENDALLVILLE — Dale Patrick "Pat" Nixon, 56, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at his home in Brazil, Ind.

He was a 1967 graduate of Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and worked as a case administrator for the Indiana Department of Corrections in Greencastle. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born on March 17, 1945, in Kendallville, to Dale Jerome and Mary Lea (Vetter) Nixon. He was recently preceded in death by his mother, a Garrett resident, who died Feb. 17, 2002.

Graveside memorial services for Mr. Nixon and his mother will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Betty M. Heuer Taylor

Fort Wayne – 1922-2002

Betty M. Heuer Taylor, 79, of Fort Wayne, who worked in accounting, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Bethlehem Woods.

"She loved dancing and bingo." She was a native of Auburn. Surviving are her husband, Harold; a son, Mark Heuer of Fort Wayne; stepsons Larry J., Thomas L. and Richard, all of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Diane L. Christie of Tennessee; two grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Herman C. Heuer. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. There is no calling. Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., 426-9494.

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Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **James C. LeCount**, 75, died Wednesday at home. Services were 11 a.m. toda at Ligonier Evangelical Church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary Frances Hayden**, 77, died Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is two hours prior to services.

PIERCETON — **Keith B. Coldren**, 79, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary in North Manchester. Calling is four hours prior to services.

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Ruth Marshall

GARRETT — Ruth Arcola Marshall, 95, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 1:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor atGarrett.

Mrs. Marshall was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 31, 1906, in LaPorte. Her husband, Glen Marshall, died in 1986.

Surviving are five grandchildren, Cheri Hatch of Fort Wayne, Denise Garman of Spencerville, Gene Hatch of Virginia Beach, Va., Jeff Hatch of Garrett and Jeannette Montgomery of Ossian; 14 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Hatch, in 1980 and two sisters, Tili Magginis of Toledo, Ohio, and Nona Andrews of Garrett.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m. in Concordia Cemetery, 5300 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. David Easterday officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to her church or Miller's Merry Manor.

C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Heckathorn

ANGOLA — Ruth A. Heckathorn, 65, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in her Angola residence. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 22, 1936, in Silver Lake, Ind., to Guy and Myrtle (Gilbert) Heckathorn. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Richard Huscher of Hamilton; one daughter, Ralynn Gibson of Ligonier; three sisters, Jeanette Huscher of Rochester, N.Y., Nancy Swathwood and Shirley Boyer; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Roger Huscher in 1979 and Ronald Huscher in 1982.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. The Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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THE EVENING STAR

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Russell Boots

ANGOLA — Russell C. Boots, 57, of Angola, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Angola.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the owner of Russ Boots Dirt Work, Angola. He was a member of the Orland American Legion.

He was born Aug. 5, 1944, in Garrett, to Robert and Byrdenia (Alleshouse) Boots of Hudson.

Surviving are his parents; a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and LeAnn Boots of Angola; a daughter and her fiancé, Tamara Kurtz of Orland and Lyle Armstrong; three brothers, Alan Boots of Howe and Vance and Eric Boots of Hudson; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Nyoka McBride

GARRETT — Nyoka Faye McBride, 53, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was born Nov. 11, 1948, in Hazard, Ky., to Troy Mullins and Louise Combs.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Edward Mullins of Waterloo and Jimmy Dean Gamble of Kendallville; a daughter, Andrea Sue Leverenz of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Christy Grace McBride of Garrett; a brother, Tyron Combs of Garrett; a sister, Reginna Ann Fry of Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

A sister, Sharon Sue Day, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Embry Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mae Stewart

KENDALLVILLE — Mae M. Stewart, 83, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was a Rome City High School graduate and worked for Lyall Electric until her retirement. She was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 24, 1918, to Walter and Emily (Wright) Stewart in Brimfield.

Surviving are two nephews, Jay Miller of Kendallville and Darrell Stewart of Brimfield; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A brother, Dick Stewart, and four sisters, Ruth Miller, Florence Marshall, Myra Stewart and Gertrude McDonald, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, with the Rev. Michael Neff officiating.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Whitt

KENDALLVILLE — Mary E. Whitt, 61, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was member of the Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell.

She was born May 11, 1940, to William "Bill" and Ida (Matine) VanDyke. She married Birtie Lee Whitt on Oct. 15, 1968, in Grundy, Va. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Whitt

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Charolette Whitt and Osie and Dustin Tucker, all of Kendallville, Pauline Hart of Cromwell, Ellen (Patrick) and Ivan Browning of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Lee J. and Gertie Whitt, Arnold Whitt and Thomas Whitt, all of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five sisters, Laura, Hanner and Polly VanDyke, Juanita Tackett, and Shelvey Justice, all of Virginia; and four brothers, Zeke, Dave and Jack VanDyke of Virginia and Junior VanDyke of Charlotte, N.C.

Two sisters, Edna and Oakey, and two brothers, Virgil and Earl, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church on S.R. 3 in South Milford, with the Rev. Glenn and the Rev. Larry Patrick officiating. Calling will be Monday after 4 p.m. at the church, with a service at 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. M. Sue Kahle

ORLAND — Dr. M. Sue Kahle, 57, of Lime Lake, died Friday, March 8, 2002, after a long illness.

The chair of Tri-State University's department of social sciences and humanities since June, 2000, Kahle first served as assistant professor of English for Tri-State in 1987. She also served as director of the university's English language center, which she guided and developed for five years. She left her position as a Tri-State associate professor in 1992 to serve as division chair for general education at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne. She remained there until 2000, when she returned to Tri-State.

She was a native of Jamestown, N.Y., and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She then earned a doctorate in American literature from the University of Texas at Austin. During her career, she published a number of English composition textbooks and workbooks and served as an evaluator for the regional accreditation agency, the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

She was born in Jamestown Nov. 3, 1944, to Clarence Kahle and Lucille Johnson Coombs.

Surviving are her mother, Lucille Coombs of Middleburgh, Fla.; a son, Philip Chapman, and his partner, Chris Simms of Austin, Texas; and a daughter, Dee Dobrie of Middleburgh, Fla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to M.D. Anderson Cancer Clinic in Houston, Texas, and the Steuben County Animal Shelter.

Leah Hay

AUBURN — Leah I. Hay, 93, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, where she sang in the choir and was active in many activities. She was named Mother of the Year by the church in 1999.

She was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Delphi, to Ira Eugene Goe and Mary Etta Hatter. On July 18, 1931, in Auburn, she married Don Levoid Hay, and he preceded her in death Sept. 8, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thurlow and Gail Hay of Auburn and Gladwyn and Nancy Hay of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Leola and Dr. Joe Saunders of Tiffin, Ohio, and Thais and the Rev. Steve Ward of Coshocton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Four sisters, Mary Smith, Esther Blevins, Ruth Croy and Adah Nicholas, and a daughter, Donna Watson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church building fund. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Arthur Muzzillo

CORUNNA — Arthur Muzzillo, 80, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home.

He was a plant supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked 25 years before his retirement in 1985. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

He was born April 9, 1921, in Auburn, to Louis and Angeline Caterina Muzzillo. On Feb. 28, 1976, in Corunna, he married Violet Wells Fluke, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bernard and Kenneth Muzzillo of Auburn; two stepsons, Henry and Thomas Fluke of Corunna; four brothers, Ralph of Chicago, Stanley of Auburn, Pete of Sebring, Fla., and Wayne of Arizona; four sisters, Louise Shanabarger, Erma Wappes and Sue Kelly of Auburn and Marjorie Weaver of Wabash; a stepdaughter, Anna Fluke of Corunna; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, with Monsignor Chuck Herman officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Vernon Wiseman

AUBURN — Vernon S. "Beanie" Wiseman, 95, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He worked for Weatherhead Dana Corp. in Angola for 22 years, retiring in 1971. He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

He was born July 5, 1906, in DeKalb County, to Franklin and Bessie (Poorman) Wiseman. On May 25, 1930, in Elkhart, he married Nellie Sebert, and she preceded him in death Nov. 23, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly Garbowski of Palmetto, Fla., Marjorie Deetz of Sebring, Fla., and Analee LaRowe of Auburn; two brothers, DeWayne Wiseman of Detroit and Richard Wiseman of Sterling Heights, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, a great-grandson and a great-great-grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or an organization of the donor's choice. E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Merle Waldron Sr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Merle E. Waldron Sr., Hicksville, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home.

A Scott native, he worked as a farmer and truck driver. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of the Apostolic Church, the American Legion and was also a life member of AMVETS and the VFW.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; his daughters, Sandra Dove, Barbara McCoy and Debra Mellon, all of Hicksville, Pamela Fraley of Butler, Roxanna Snyder of Mark Center, Ohio, and Patricia Wyse of Archbold, Ohio; sons Michael and Merle Jr., both of Hicksville; sisters Bertha D. Bacher of Van Wert and Velma Hancher of Peoria, Ill.; a brother, Alvin of Van Wert; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with calling from 9 a.m. until services and after 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial with military rites will be at Bethel Cemetery, Paulding County.

Memorials are to the family.

Loren Hartmen

EDGERTON, Ohio — Loren D. Hartman Sr., 83, of Edgerton, Ohio, died March 8, 2002, at his home.

He was a self-employed carpenter and the DeKalb County Farm Superintendent for five years. He was a life member and past commander of Waterloo VFW Post 672 and a World War II Navy veteran.

Mr. Hartmen

He was born April 18, 1918, in West Unity, Ohio, to John and Phoeba Hartman. On Nov. 25, 1944, in Galveston, Texas, he married Georgia Musser, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Martha Hartman of Edgerton, Rex Hartman of Waterloo and Donald and Bobbi Hartman of Hamilton; two brothers, Charles Hartman of Ocean Beach, Fla., and William Hartman of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

A sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, with Vicar Chris Sigmon officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Williams County Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Velma Davis

AUBURN — Velma Kathern Davis, 84, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Davis was a group leader at Magnavox for 25 years, retiring in 1973. She lived in Auburn and attended Hopewell United Brethren Church in rural Auburn. She was a member of American Legion Post 499, Auburn Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge in Fort Wayne and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Jacob F. and Lillian E. (Vachon) Smith.

Her husband, Isaac Christopher Davis, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James F. and Sherry Davis of Auburn; two sisters, June Gafken and Georgie Muzzillo, both of Auburn; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Orphia Ann Fike; a sister Mary Iolene; a half-sister, Edna Murphy; four brothers, Virgil, Harold, Richard and Charles; and a grandchild, Larry Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hopewell United Brethren Church.

Arthur Muzzillo

CORUNNA — Arthur Muzzillo, 80, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home near Corunna.

Mr. Muzzillo was a plant superintendent at Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked 35 years before his retirement in 1985. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

He was born April 19, 1921, in Auburn, to Louis and Angeline Caterina Muzzillo.

He married Violet (Wells) Fluke on Feb. 28, 1976, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bernard Muzzillo of Auburn and Kenneth Muzzillo of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Henry Fluke and Thomas Fluke, both of Corunna; a stepdaughter, Anna Fluke of Corunna; his father-in-law, Oscar Wells of Golden Lake; four brothers, Ralph of Chicago, Stanley of Auburn, Pete of Sebring, Fla., and Wayne of Arizona; four sisters, Louise Shanabarger, Erma Wappes and Sue Kelly, all of Auburn, and Marjorie Weaver of Wabash; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett with military graveside services by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

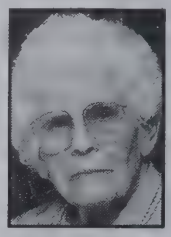
Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. A rosary service will be held today at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leona Fortman

AVILLA — Leona Fortman, 88, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.


Mrs. Fortman

She was a homemaker and a lifetime Avilla resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, its Rosary Society and the Merry Matrons Club.

She was born June 9, 1913, in Continental, Ohio, to Fred and Mathilda (Liebrecht) Kreinbrink. In 1939 she married Ralph Fortman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Cochran of Ashley and Diane Fortman of Avilla; four sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Patricia Fortman, Gilbert Fortman and Roger and Sunanta Fortman, all of Avilla, and Dan and Kathy Fortman of Howe; three sisters, Agnes VanGessel of Kendallville, Edna Meyer of Avilla and Ellen Helmkamp of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Henrietta Demske, and a great-grandchild.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Rosary service is Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home. Burial is in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is one hour prior to services and Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are masses to church.

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Rev. Reuben Schmidt

MCFARLAND, Wis. — The Rev. Reuben J. McFarland, 83, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in his home in McFarland, Wis.

He was an ordained Lutheran pastor, serving interim pastorates twice at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson. He retired to Lake James in Angola in 1984.

He was a member of the board of the Lutheran Deaconess Association in Valparaiso, the board of directors of Wheat Ridge Foundation and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Janesville, Wis. He authored numerous articles and booklets in the area of missions and stewardship and was a planning consultant to many churches in the English District-LCMS.

He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in 1944 and was ordained July 2, 1944, in Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis. He received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1973.

He served as assistant pastor of Hope Lutheran Church from 1944 to 1949; pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Kansas State University Lutheran Ministry in Manhattan, Kan., from 1949 to 1956; missions and stewardship counselor in Iowa District West-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod from 1956 to 1961; secretary of North American Missions and Special Ministries of LCMS in St. Louis from 1961 to 1974; pastor of Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Cincinnati, Ohio from 1974 to 1984; and English District Mission Board from 1985 to 1992.

He was born July 13, 1918, in Hebron, Neb., to Edward H. and Emma (Albrecht) Schmidt.

He married Lorraine A. Weller on Jan. 7, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She died May 21, 1998.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, Thomas and Kathy Schmidt of Manhattan, Kan., Margaret Phillips of Madison, Wis., Paul and Jane Schmidt of McFarland, Julia and Daniel Lehmann of Chicago, Timothy and Lori Schmidt of Topeka, Kan., and Gretchen and Jim Doerr of Malvern, Pa.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Lisa Schmidt, preceded him in death.

Memorial services and a musical celebration will be held Saturday, April 6, at noon in Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, Wis.

Memorials are to International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progresseva Association, in honor of his grandson, Patrick Doerr, at P.O. Box. 196217, Winter Spring FL 32719-6217 or HospiceCare Inc., 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison WI 53711.

Gunderson East Funeral Home, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **C.M. John Halsey,** 77, died Friday. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Jacob R. Flint**, 15 months, died Saturday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church. Calling is Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Loren Hartman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Loren D. Hartman Sr., 83, of Edgerton, Ohio, died March 8, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Hartman

He was a self-employed carpenter and the DeKalb County Farm superintendent for five years. He was a life member and past commander of Waterloo VFW Post 672 and a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born April 18, 1918, in West Unity, Ohio, to John and Phoeba Hartman.

On Nov. 25, 1944, in Galveston, Texas, he married Georgia Musser. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Martha Hartman of Edgerton, Rex Hartman of Waterloo and Donald and Bobbi Hartman of Hamilton; two brothers, Charles Hartman of Ocean Beach, Fla., and William Hartman of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

A sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Vicar Chris Sigmon officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Williams County Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Dora Lawson

CORUNNA — Dora Lawson, 82, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at home.

She worked for Mossburg-Hubbard in Garrett, retiring in 1982 after 16 years. She was a member of Stroh United Baptist Church.

She was born Feb. 22, 1920, near Hindman, Ky., to William and Canzali (Napier) Perkins.

She married Melvin Lawson in Garrett, Ky. on Jan. 20, 1940. He survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Phyllis Ann and Clifford Hunter and Nancy Slone, all of Kendallville, and Yvonne and Darold Brown of Garrett, Ind.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Delmous Ray and Ramona Lawson of Dayton, Ohio, Darvin and Gayleen Lawson of Avilla and Billy B. and Freda Lawson of Kendallville; three sisters, Gladys Blackburn of Hindman, Ruth Madden of Dayton and Lorraine "Jackie" Parker of McGuffy, Ohio; a half sister, Carolyn Smith of Hindman; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Mary Perkins of LaGrange County; 12 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church near South Milford. The Revs. Leburn Combs and Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Eldon Brandon

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Eldon R. Brandon, 97, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in the early morning at Harborside Healthcare of Northwest Ohio in Bryan, Ohio, following an illness.

Mr. Brandon was a retired, self-employed farmer and a lifelong Bridgewater Township resident.

He was born Oct. 25, 1904, in Bridgewater Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Iva L. (VanFossen) and Lloyd G. Brandon.

Surviving are his wife, Esther J. (Stantz) Brandon; one daughter and son-in-law, Iva L. and Carl Mettler of Auburn; one son, Van Brandon of Montpelier; one brother, Lyle Brandon of Montpelier; four grandchildren and their spouses, Roxanna and Rich Harden of Butler, Jeanette and Len Kinzer of Garrett, Thomas and Lisa Mettler of Auburn and Loretta and Ron Walters of Waterloo; and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Buel Brandon, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Williams and Fulton Counties.

Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Keplinger

FORT WAYNE — Shirley A. Keplinger, 68, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fremont, Ohio, native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Robert V. Keplinger; three sons, Robert V. Keplinger of California, Richard A. Keplinger of Fort Wayne and James A. Keplinger of Spencerville; four daughters, Karen Keplinger, Diane M. Keplinger, Patricia A. Keplinger and Kay L. Keplinger, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Alice Black of Washington; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. Burial is in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Masses or the donor's choice.

Lillian Hildebrandt

AUBURN — Lillian May (Deal) Hildebrandt, 70, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at 10:30 p.m. in her home south of Auburn.

Mrs. Hildebrandt was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. She was a member of the Friday Night Auburn Bowling League.

She was born June 19, 1931, in Pontiac, Mich., to Walter Deal and Ida Murphy.

She married Marvin Leo Jerome Hildebrandt on July 19, 1951, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Walter Hildebrandt of Calvert, Ky., and Donald L. Hildebrandt of Big Lake, Ind.; two daughters, Roberta Miller of Coldwater, Mich., and Penny DePew of Auburn; one sister, Betty Fee of Edgerton, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, 11 stepgreat-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, one brother, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. Randy Callaway will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Joseph Fuleki

AUBURN — Joseph Fuleki, 85, of Auburn, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fuleki was a supervisor at Fort Wayne Truck Parts, retiring in 1981. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a Disabled American Veteran with the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Avilla post of the American Legion.

He was born July 20, 1916, in Auella, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Helen M. Fuleki; four sons, Emery "Vince" Fuleki and Dennis Fuleki, both of Auburn, Joseph E. Fuleki of Poe and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; a brother, Emery Fuleki of Lakewood, Ohio; a sister, Irene Frank of Hicksville, Ohio; a stepson, Ronald Fuleki of Butler; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Patricia Boots

HUDSON — Patricia Louise Boots, 61, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in her Hudson home.

Mrs. Boots was a homemaker and had lived in Hudson since 1960, moving there from Marion. She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Winchester, Ind., to Robert Frank Flinn and Marjorie L. (Rector) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Vance Boots on April 14, 1981. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David Young of Mineral, Va., Jimmy Young of Orland and Mike Young of Angola; five daughters, Debbie Butler and Teresa Whitcomb, both of Angola, Lori Sponseller of Payne, Ohio, Brenda Smith of Orland and Pam Miller of Flint; one brother, Mike Flinn of Marion; three stepbrothers, David Black and Greg Black, both of Fort Wayne, and Todd Black of Angola; three stepsisters, Sharon Hankins of Leo, Donna Hollabaugh of Spencerville and Teresa Kennedy of Angola; 24 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mary A. Blasko**, 89, died Sunday at Lifecare Center of LaGrange. Services are at a later date. No calling.

ROME CITY — **Alvin L. Donley**, 63, died Monday at his daughter's residence in Fort Wayne. Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

DECATUR — **Marietta Dellinger**, 82, died Monday at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur. Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Calling is Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m., with Moose memorial services at 8 p.m.

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Jack Phelps Sr.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Jack R. Phelps Sr., 81, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in Darlington House Nursing Home.

Mr. Phelps worked for Dupont for 36 years as a paint shader before his retirement. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in New Guinea.

He was devoted to his family and known for his sense of humor.

He was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Auburn to Clyde and Sophia Phelps.

His wife, Doris Ann, preceded him in death in 1986, after 37 years of marriage.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Jack Phelps Jr. and Regina Phelps, Mary Jo and Phil Anthony Garrett, and Jenn and Robert Holloman; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Don Freers; a brother-in-law, Oscar Longbrake; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Clein; six grandchildren, Kris and Natalie Phelps, Andrew and Joshua Garrett, and Robby and Sammy Holloman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave., Toledo.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Darlington House Nursing Home.

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Timothy Bowman

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Timothy G. Bowman, 43, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in his home in Bellingham, Wash.

Mr. Bowman was a professor emeritus at Northwest Indian College in Bellingham and was working on his doctoral degree. He was a 1976 graduate of Garrett High School and graduated cum laude from Taylor University in 1981 with bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees. He earned master's degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

Mr. Bowman

He was a U.S. Army veteran and participated in various sports, including track, wrestling and cross country. He was an Eagle Scout, held membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was certified as a lay speaker for the United Methodist Church and was a judge and timer for the U.S. Olympics track and field events in Indianapolis.

He was born July 8, 1958, in Rensselaer, Ind., to the Rev. Ronald P. Bowman and Mary Jane (Bowman) Bowman. They survive in Goshen.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel and Benjamin Bowman, both of Bellingham; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Andrew D. Bowman of Bristol, Va., Mark E. and Robyn Bowman of Trafalgar, Ind., Peter J. and Luci Bowman of Santa Fe, N.M., Stephen R. and Kelli Bowman of Goshen, and Joseph L. Bowman of Stevens Point, Wis.; his grandmother, Selma Heathcote of Anderson, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Jamestown United Methodist Church, 59218 C.R. 3 South, Elkhart, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Lorin Clemenz of First United Methodist Church, Mishawaka, will officiate. Burial will be in Little Pine Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the church.

Memorials are to the Jamestown United Methodist Church-Bowman Fund, in care of the address above.

Services were held March 11 at Wex Li Em Community Building on the Lummi Reservation in Washington.

Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Elden Kelley

ANGOLA — Elden J. Kelley, 83, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at 7:41 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Kelley was a lifelong carpenter until his death. He lived in Angola and was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and American Legion Post 31 in Angola. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Kelley

He was born March 9, 1919, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, to Walker and Rhea (Bachtel) Kelley.

He married Julia Dallas on Dec. 20, 1956, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are a niece, Elaine Lambright of LaGrange; a brother-in-law and his wife, Iris "Ike" and Arlene Dallas of Wolcottville; two great-nieces and one great-nephew and their spouses, Shawn Gonser of Wolcottville, Heather and Mike Neiman of LaGrange, and Brandon and Koledon Lambright of LaGrange; four stepgreat-nieces and stepgreat-nephews, Toby and Brooke Lee of Wolcottville and Justin and Julia Lambright of LaGrange; and two great-great-nieces, Caitlyn and Christyn Gonser.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. David Wilson officiating. Burial will be Friday at noon in Fort Custer Cemetery in Battle Creek, with military services.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Ralph Wilcoxson

AVILLA — Ralph D. "Bud" Wilcoxson, 62, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at 3:38 p.m. in his home on DeKalb County Road 48 in rural Avilla.

Mr. Wilcoxson was a retired custodian at X-Y Tool and Die, LaOtto, and had lived in rural Avilla for 32 years.

Mr. Wilcoxson

He was born July 28, 1939, in Kendallville to Ralph V. and Frances Marguirite (Brimm) Wilcoxson. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

He married Lucie Mae Lemmon on March 8, 1963, in Hamilton. She died Dec. 21, 2001.

Also surviving are two sons, Rex Wilcoxson of Avilla and Scott Wilcoxson of Huntington; one daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Rodney Frantz of Peru; one brother, Richard D. Wilcoxson of Garrett; two sisters, Peggy J. Stemen of St. Joe and Sandra S. Moser of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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HOWE — **Harry A. Yanke**, 76, died Tuesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. No services are scheduled. Calling is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

WOLF LAKE — **Roger L. Busz**, 61, died Friday at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Elkhart. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at Wolf Lake Park. No calling.

HUNTERTOWN — **Hilda Sauder**, 88, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

ANGOLA — **Patricia E. Hullinger**, 68, died Saturday at Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital in Sun City, Ariz. Services are Friday at noon at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling is two hours prior to services.

ANGOLA — **Richard "Dick" J. Holmes**, 77, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Calling is one hour prior to services and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

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Jennie Huff

BUTLER — Jennie E. Huff, 89, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a sales clerk at Sears, Roebuck and Co. and was born in Springfield, Ohio. Her husband, Harry, died in 1978.

Surviving is a nephew, Robert Milner of Angola.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be in Glen Haven Memorial Parl, New Carlisle, Ohio.

H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Devin Ybarra

GARRETT — Devin Ybarra, 27, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at 4:05 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after being stricken at work.

He was a carpenter and lived in Garrett. He formerly lived in Decatur and North Manchester. He was a member of Carpenters Union Local 232 and the Catholic Church.

He was born March 16, 1974, in Decatur to Manuel Ybarra and Esther Eguia. His mother survives in Fort Wayne and his father preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Sivanah K. Ybarra and Sarah M. Ybarra, both of Garrett; a brother, Daniel of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law , Danae Ybarra-Stewart and Robert Stewart of Fort Wayne, Tracee and Rudy Cruz, also of Fort Wayne, and Devra Ybarra-Garcia and Ramon Garcia of Auburn; and his fiancee, Michelle L. Isham of Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. A prayer service will be held Saturday at 9:45 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Father Phil Devolder will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with family affirmation services at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Ybarra's Children's Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent to info@zwickjahn.com.

Effie Peckhart

ANGOLA — Effie M. Peckhart, 75, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 7:45 p.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was retired from Rieke Corp. in Auburn with 20 years of service and formerly lived in Hudson.

Mrs. Peckhart was born Oct. 7, 1926, in Garrett to Levi and Mary Rowe.

She married Norman E. Peckhart on May 1, 1943, in Waterloo and he died Dec. 15, 1998.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Charles Sessford of Fremont, Beverly and Dean Schieber of Ashley and Janet and Robert Deam of Auburn; one sister, Marie Schwartz of Butler; nine grandchildren, 26 stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Norman Peckhart Jr. and Donald Peckhart, preceded her in death.

Graveside services are Saturday at 11 a.m. in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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Area Deaths

Mildred Safford

BUTLER — Mildred Taner Roehling Safford, 92, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a sales clerk at Barrett Stores for two years, retiring in 1976. She lived in Butler and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio. Her husband, Donald L. Safford, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Eugene A. Roehling of Woodburn; two daughters, Debra Killian of Hamilton and Carolyn J. Moehring of San Jose, Ill.; one sister, Juanita Long of Latty, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A son, Richard Roehling, preceded her in death.

No services or calling.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ginger Ray (Hughes) McDaniel**, 56, died today at her home. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **William Howard Lee**, 69, died Wednesday at his home. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

CHURUBUSCO — **Cory Michael Selking**, two months old, died Wednesday at home. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling one hour prior to services.

ALBION — **Ernest "Ernie" M. Thompson**, 85, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

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Henry Row

MONROEVILLE — Henry Row, 90, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 9 a.m. in Village of Heritage Nursing Home in Monroeville.

He was a retired farmer and operated his own farm drainage business. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, Allen County Farm Bureau of Monroe Township, and Land Improvement Contractors of America. He was a 4-H leader for many years.

Mr. Row was born Oct. 25, 1911, in Monroe Township, Allen County, to Samuel and Nettie (Freeze) Row.

He married Dorothy Lorraine Rohlof on Sept. 11, 1938, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, the Rev. Paul Row of St. Joe and Owen R. Row of Monroeville; two daughters, Dorothy M. Row of Monroeville and Jo Ann K. Ulrey of Culver, Ind.; one sister, Grace Schamerloh of Oveida, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Renee Riani, Kristin Shafer, Mitzi Pearson, Megan and Cassandra Cox, Trina and Tracy Row, Tasha Harwick, Ginger Bansen, and Jeanie and Duane Ulrey; and 10 great-grandchildren, Anaka Riani; Haley, Austin and Britney Dowdy; Gabrielle, Nicolaus and Victoria Harwick; Hannah Bansen, Alexis McVicker and Andrea Ulrey.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ralph, Lee, and Earl Row, and two in infancy; and one sister, Glady Lehrman.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, with calling after 1 p.m. Edward H. Redmon will officiate. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Garden.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to info@zwickjahn.com.

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Hazel Littlefield

WATERLOO — Hazel Littlefield, 76, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 5:45 a.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Waterloo Church of Christ and the Pythian Sisters. She had a great love for butterflies; it was her hobby and passion. She cooked for many years in area restaurants, including the Green Parrot in Waterloo.

Mrs. Littlefield was born in Hartford Township, Mich., on Sept. 11, 1925, to Alfonzo and Daffney (Hyzer) Ankney. Both are deceased.

She married Ray W. Littlefield in St. Joe on Jan. 4, 1945. He died on Feb. 5 of this year.

She is survived by two sons, Bruce Littlefield of Council Hill, Okla., and Jerry Littlefield of Waterloo; three daughters, Ida Neagley of Waco, Texas, Kay Newell of Petal, Miss., and Brenda Harrington of Aberdeen, Miss.; one brother, Hayden Ankney of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Lee Littlefield, a daughter, Doris Pardubsky, a brother, Carl Ankney, and a sister, Wava Williams, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and Howe Health Care.

Raymond Kinzer

AUBURN — Memorial services for Raymond L. Kinzer, 64, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kinzer died Feb. 25 in Auburn. He was a machine operator for Dana Corp. for 33 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dana Retirees and Northeast Beekeepers Association of Fort Wayne.

He was born March 16, 1937, in Mark Center, Ohio.

He married Anita M. (Rentz) Kinzer on July 25, 1952, in Decatur, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Clifford and Susan Kinzer of Auburn, Leonard and Jeannette Kinzer of Garrett, Daniel and Sandra Kinzer of Dunedin, Fla., and Michael Kinzer of Auburn; two sisters, Margaret Huffman of Bryan, Ohio, and Linda L. Cottrell of Hicksville, Ohio; two half-sisters, Mary Godwin of Mendon, Ohio, and Betty Rickenberg of Defiance, Ohio; a half-brother, Keith Kinzer of Napoleon, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Sue Ellen Mullett in 1988; a half-brother, Kenneth Kinzer in 1971; and a grandson, Alexander Kinzer in 1988.

Max Greer

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Max H. Greer, 80, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 7:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he was a patient for two days.

He was a jazz trumpet player and teacher, and toured with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis for two years. He performed with a band at Cold Springs on Hamilton Lake, and until his retirement, performed with Dick Alexander's Townsmen Band in Fort Wayne. He lived in Hicksville and was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939 and attended Indiana University.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Fort Wayne Musicians Union, Hicksville Village Players, The Undertones musical group and the Hicksville American Legion.

Mr. Greer was born May 8, 1921, in Hicksville to Estel "Eck" and Hazel (Hart) Greer.

He married Marcella "Sally" Soboslay on June 5, 1951, in Reno, Nev., and she died Feb. 4, 1986.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Brenda Greer.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home,706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with the Rev. Greg Imboden officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with graveside military services by the Hicksville American Legion.

Calling is Saturday after 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ohio Society for Prevention of Blindness.

Area Deaths

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — **Ralph L. Morhart,** 87, died Thursday at Hickory Creek Care Center in Hicksville. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Calling three hours prior to services and after 2 p.m. today.

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Geraldine Stevenson

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. — Geraldine B. Stevenson, 86, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at The Laurels of Hendersonville in Hendersonville, N.C.

Mrs. Stevenson, a native of Auburn, was born to Walter and Vera (Crooks) Loutzenhiser.

Surviving are her huband, Howard Stevenson; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Geran Miller of Pisgah Forest, N.C.; and a sister, Irene Burtch of Auburn.

Graveside services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Ruth Curtland

ANGOLA — Ruth Curtland, 86, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at her home in Nevada Mills, rural Angola.

She was a retired employee of Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich. She also had her own antique shop in her home and in Shipshewana. She moved to Nevada Mills in 1952. She enjoyed her family.

Mrs. Curtland was born July 8, 1915, in LaOtto to Edward and Etta (Brandt) Wells.

She married Elvester "Al" Curtland on March 17, 1932, in Auburn, and he died April 2, 1995.

Surviving are five daughters, Vera Delancey and Louise Porter, both of Angola, Viola Friend of Orland, Lorraine Hoard of Bronson, Mich., and Irene Wisel of Fremont; three sons, Floyd Curtland, Ray Curtland and Rick Curtland, all of Angola; two brothers, Oscar Wells and Cecil Wells, both of Corunna; 44 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Assembly of God Church in Angola, with Pastor Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

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WOLCOTTVILLE — **Wayne A. "Zub" Zuber**, 69, died Thursday at 9 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling after noon. Calling Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Helen Warner

WARSAW — Helen Juanita Warner, 85, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

The lifetime Warsaw resident was a cook at Warsaw Community Schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Warsaw.

She was born April 1, 1916, in Warsaw to Wilbur and Zoah (Blue) Ross. On April 14, 1934, in Warsaw she married Dale Warner, who preceded her in death in September 1973.

A son, two brothers and a sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Darlene and Larry Speigle and Wendy and John Kimpel, all of Warsaw, Sandra Keener of Mishawaka and Marsha and Steve Schmitz of Columbiaville, Mich.; two sisters, Bertine Knafel of Rome City and Donabelle Celia Myers of Avilla; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at McHattôn-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Denny Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church building fund or the Warsaw Community Church building fund.

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Morton Wicker

LIGONIER — Morton Denzil Wicker, 58, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at home.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243, Ligonier, where he was known as the "Godfather of Pool."

Mr. Wicker

He was born March 14, 1944, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. He married Mary Ann (Routson) Wicker, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose and Ron Short and Candace Garton, all of Ligonier, Tonya Snoden and Cynthia and Dave McClelland, all of Kimmell, Donna and Abed Shah of North Carolina and Teresa and Tony Bush of LaSalle, Ill.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Morty and Vivian Wicker of Ligonier, Jerry Wicker of Mousie and Cornell Wicker of North Carolina; a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville; two sisters, Racine Smith of Albion and Dani Reed of Elkhart; 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Buford Coburn, preceded him in death.

Services are 7 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Military services by the American Legion are at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 3-5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243.

William Miller

MIDDLEBURY — William H. Miller, 84, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at home.

He moved to the Middlebury area in 1945. He was a farmer and had a repair shop at home. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 14, 1918, in Mylo, N.D., to Daniel and Magdalena (Herschberger) Miller. On March 22, 1945, in Middlebury he married Clara Lehman, who survives.

Also surviving are nine daughters and four sons-in-law, Laura, Magdalena, Katie, Susie and Bertha Miller, Barbara and Paul Wagler and Mary and Alvin Yoder, all of Middlebury, Rosa and LeRoy Yoder of Hillpoint, Wis., and Alma Nisley and Perry Nisley Jr. of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Treva Miller of LaGrange, Ivan and Mary Miller and Edwin and Miriam Miller, all of Middlebury, and Sam and Marilyn Miller of Goshen; 51 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mary Ann Miller, a grandson, Samuel Yoder, and a great-grandson, Michael Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family home, 55237 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishops Melvin Miller and Ernest Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Robert Williams

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Williams, 82, died Friday, March 15, 2002, in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

He was a teacher and coach for Cass County, Lucerne, Fulton and Veedersburg junior-senior high schools. He served as principal at Eastside Junior-Senior High School in Butler from 1968 to 1979 and at Covington Junior-Senior High School. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. He was a past member of Lions Club, American Legion and Butler Rotary. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Williams was born Nov. 24, 1919, in Logansport. His first wife, Elva Williams, died in 1974. His second wife, Marilyn (Shultz) Williams, survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Williams of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Claudia Morenout of San Diego, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Debborah Overcash and Susan Overcash, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Timothy Overcash of Melbourne, Fla., and Dr. Dan Overcash of Indianapolis; one niece, Katie Diedrich of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the church.

Treva Myers

ANGOLA — Treva Marie Myers, 90, died Friday, March 15, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker, farm wife and mother.

Mrs. Myers was born Oct. 19, 1911, in Elkhart to Clarence and Ethel M. (Harshman) Sailor.

She married Llewellyn Myers on Jan. 9, 1932, and he died Sept. 26, 1997.

Surviving her are two daughters, Lois M. Engle of Angola and Adra Schlotterback of Fort Wayne; one sister, Bonnie Warner of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Skidgel; one granddaughter, Lisa Kay Yoder and one brother, Donald Sailor.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

Memorials are to the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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Verna Stein

AUBURN — Verna M. (Buck) Stein, 89, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Stein retired from City Auto Stamping after 37 years. She also was active in the United Auto Workers and loved to dance and play cards. She formerly resided in Auburn and Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 15, 1912, to William and Meade Buck in Metamora, Ohio.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Kathy Stein of Auburn; two grandsons, Marty and Roger Stein, both of Toledo; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Jeannette and Paul Whitmore of Hastings, Neb.; two great-granddaughters, Blake and Bailey Whitmore of Hastings, Neb.; and a great-grandson, Grant Wil-Stein of Cleveland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, and four brothers, Earl, Donny, Samuel and Harold Buck.

Private services will be held. There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Ansberg-West Funeral Home, Toledo, Ohio.

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Otto Hunter

FORT WAYNE — Otto R. Hunter, 91, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Woodview Health Center.

He was an artist and also worked as a machinist at Tokheim Corp. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was born in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter, Frances Walters of Hamilton; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Jennings, in 1952; his second wife, Genevieve Powell, in 1978; and his third wife, Anabelle Tosconi, in 1997.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp, Ohio, with memorial services at 2:15 p.m. today at Woodview Health Center. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Joan Tutwiler

AUBURN — Joan Tutwiler, 74, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at 7:40 p.m.

She was a lab technician for Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, retiring in 1990 after 25 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn and the Ladies of the Moose Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Auburn, to Silas T. and Gladys M. (McClish) Walters.

Surviving are one son, Ron Tutwiler of Denver, Colo.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Chris Hess of Avon Park, Fla., and Kathy and Jeff Bassett of Auburn; four brothers, Bill Walters of Auburn, Jack Walters of Napa Valley, Calif., George Walters of Fort Wayne and Thomas Walters of Denver, Colo; five sisters, Helen Cooper of Lady Lake, Fla., and Patsy Leffler, Donna Tageson, Jane Clifford and Mary Gobele, all of Fort Wayne; and one grandson, Nathan Reed.

One brother, Ralph Eugene Walters, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. John Kabes will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ or Eckhart Public Library.

Carolyn Lemons

FORT WAYNE — Carolyn S. Lemons, 49, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at her Fort Wayne home.

She was chief of security at Lake End Sales until 1993 and was a homemaker. She was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett.

Mrs. Lemons was born Dec. 22, 1952, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, David P. Lemons; her father and stepmother, Erle and Frankie Andrews; her stepfather, James Foreman of Fort Wayne; two sons, Scott Siegel and James Bennett, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Summer Fields of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David Perkins of San Diego, Calif., and Jason Lemons of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Stephanie Lemons of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Diana Andrews of Fort Wayne and Debra Hall of Garrett; two brothers, Lane Andrews and Earl Andrews, both of Garrett; and seven grandchildren.

A daughter, Samantha Siegel, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Elnora Randol

PLEASANT LAKE — Elnora Randol, 80, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker.

She was born July 29, 1921, in Albion, to DeArl and Mabel (Zolman) Jaquay.

She married Frank Randol in 1946, and he preceded her in death May 31, 1981.

Surviving are one son, Frank Darren Randol of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lonia and Robert Prior of LaGrange, Judi and John Rupp of Pleasant Lake and Diana and Bob Hill of Hamilton; one sister, Dessie Danning of Angola; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Arl Jaquay and Don Jaquay, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lake Gage Congregational Church or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Melvin Lovelette

FORT WAYNE — Melvin D. "Sonny" Lovelette, 64, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He worked as a self-employed roofer for 23 years. He was born in Monroeville.

Surviving are his companion, Beverly Scott; three daughters, Connie Puff and Lynn Griffin of Fort Wayne, and Rhoda Lovelette of Topeka, Kan.; three sons, Donald Hart of Fort Wayne, Rodney Hart of Hudson and Thomas Scott of LaOtto; four sisters, Rosie Lovelette, Patricia Lovelette and Bonnie Dobbs, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeannetta "Susie" Nuttle of Ossian; four brothers, Robert Lovelette of Decatur, Donald Lovelette of Syracuse, Ronald Lovelette of Roanoke and James Lovelette of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 3 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Danford McComb

FORT WAYNE — Danford Morris "Bud" McComb, 80, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He was a maintenance electrician with Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years, retiring in 1987. He also was employed by Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne for 12 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, American Legion Post 47 and the York Rite. He was past president and member of Knights Templaer Band and was past worthy patron of Order of Eastern Star Lodge 388.

Mr. McComb was born Feb. 21, 1922, in Huntertown. He married his wife, Betty, on May 9, 1942, in Churubusco and she died in 1958.

Surviving him are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Jerry Zirkle of Angola, Carol and Jim Green of Churubusco, and Julia and William Miller of Angola; one son and daughter-in-law, Teddy and Francie McComb of Fort Wayne; one brother, Russell McComb of Delphi; four sisters, Marscell Sloffer and Dorothy Lucas, both of Huntertown, Ann Kelham of LaOtto and Phyllis Brown of Albion; nine grandchildren, Greg and Mechalle Zirkle, Chris and Matthew Green, Angie (Green) Inman, David McComb, Mollie (McComb) Ranalletta, and Randel and Laura Miller; four great-grandchildren, Nathan, Brandon, Ashley and Aaron Green.

A sister, Marjorie Freck, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O.McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held Tuesday evening in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mizpah Shrine or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Barbara Smeltzer

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Smeltzer, 73, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smeltzer

The Garrett resident was a homemaker.

She was born May 16, 1928, in Huntington to Paul and Lola (Walker) Bowman. On July 21, 1951, in Huntington she married Kenneth W. Smeltzer, who survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Smeltzer of Garrett and Steve Smeltzer; a daughter, Kathy Walker of Nob Noster, Mo.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A sister, Jo Alice Pearson, preceded her in death.

Private family services were Monday with Pastor David Farling officiating. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Charles Brand

KENDALLVILLE — Charles W. "Chuck" Brand, 83, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

From 1945 to the mid-1980s he was the owner and operator of Brand's Auto Sales. He founded Brand's Car Wash in the late 1960s. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army and in the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion during World War II. He was awarded three Bronze Stars. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749 and Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

He was born in Ashley Nov. 15, 1918, to the Rev. Charles and Ethel (Gensler) Brand. He married Mary Jane Crothers in Avilla Nov. 17, 1942. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis and Susie Brand of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, and Michael and Debbie Brand and Joel Brand, all of Kendallville; a sister, Grace Morgan of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Tiffany, Lindsay and Jordan Brand, Tara Thiery and Jennifer Davis; five stepgrandchildren, Andrew, Jeremy and Daniel Perkins and Drew and Tony Mark; and five great-grandchildren, Ashley and Allison Davis and Nate, Daniel and Andrew Thiery.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate. Burial is in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Myers

FREMONT, Mich. — Helen J. Myers, 76, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at her Fremont home.

She was a founding partner with her husband of Dri-Slide Inc. in 1959 and LubeCon Systems Inc. in 1976. They founded Services Unlimited Inc. in 1964 as a family-held corporation.

There are no services scheduled. The family will have a time of visiting Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in Kroeze Funeral Home, 637 E. Main St., Fremont and Friday evening in White Funeral Home in Camden.

Area Deaths

LARWILL — **Margaret Reid,** 75, died Sunday at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Priscilla L. Uebelhoer,** 93, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Rev. Don Klopfenstein

GRABILL — The Rev. Don W. Klopfenstein, 81, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at The Cedars, Leo-Cedarville.

He served as pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Pioneer, Ohio, and Grabill, and the Evangelical Mennonite Church and Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in Auburn. He worked for 20 years as a professor at the former Fort Wayne Bible College, now Taylor University. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was born in White Pigeon, Mich.

Surviving are his wife, Mary A. Klopfenstein; two sons, David A. Klopfenstein of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Timothy J. Klopfenstein of Red Bud, Ill.; a sister, Mary Emma Schmidt of Howe; and five grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grabill Mennonite Church. Private burial is in Leo Cemetery. Calling follows services at the church.

Memorials are to Grabill Mennonite Building Fund or Cedars Retirement Center.

Michael Walter

ANGOLA — Michael L. Walter, 39, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in a traffic accident near Angola. He was a truck driver for Evans Trucking in Butler for 15 years. He lived in Angola and enjoyed boating and water skiing.

Mr. Walter was born June 6, 1962, in Gilroy, Calif., to Marion and Inettia Walter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one sister, Evelee I. Roop of Kendallville; an aunt, Trudy Moore of St. Joe; an uncle, Robert Lemos of Ely, Nev.; three cousins, Michelle Ballard of Tennessee, Yvonne Archer of Georgia and William Moore Jr. of Fort Wayne; and a companion, Penny McKinley of Angola.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at Country Meadow Resort, 201 W. State Road 120, Fremont. There is no calling. Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Joan E. Bledsoe,** 73, died Tuesday. Services Friday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after noon. Calling Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES, Ill — **Robert L. Cook, Ph.D**, 81, a former Angola resident, died Monday, March 4. Funeral Mass was held March 7 in St. Peter Catholic Church, Geneva, Ill.

ALBION — **Dale H. Weber**, 82, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

ALBION — **Ruth E. Norris**, 75, died Tuesday at her home. Services at 2 p.m. Friday at Burr Oak Baptist Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **Esther V. Davis,** 76, died Sunday at her home. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. No calling.

HOWE — **Mabel P. Denney**, 93, died Monday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Garden of Memories Cemetery Chapel in Muncie. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002

Dale Weber

ALBION — Dale H. Weber, 82, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He worked as a serviceman for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light, retiring in 1975 after 15 years. He was a co-owner and co-operator of Weber Bros. Plumbing. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a former Albion Township trustee and member of the Albion-Jefferson school board.

He attended Berean Baptist Church in Albion and was a former member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Kendallville. He umpired local baseball games for 20 years and served as a volunteer basketball coach in Albion for 10 years. In 1996 he was the Chain O' Lakes grand marshal.

He was born in Albion Feb. 19, 1920, to Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber.

He married Betty Fuller at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake Nov. 19, 1942. She preceded him in death Dec. 26, 1999.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin and Elton Weber.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Weber of Bloomington, Minn., and Kent Weber of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Daisy Winebrenner and Eva Weber, both of Albion.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Doug Keenan will officiate. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

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Henrietta Rupple

HAMILTON — Henrietta B. Rupple, 96, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a registered nurse at Cameron Hospital in Angola, retiring in 1975. She also worked at Elmhurst Hospital in Angola.

She was born Oct. 30, 1905, in Steuben County to Cassius and Myra (Cary) Barr.

Surviving are one son, Jerome Rupple of Los Alamitos, Calif.; and three sisters, Marguerite Barr and June Haskins, both of Hamilton, and Georgeanna Blecha of Long Beach, Calif.

Private family graveside services will be held in Powers Cemetery. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Area Deaths

ORLAND — **Helen R. Ernsberger**, 75, died Tuesday. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Orland United Methodist Church. Calling Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

ALBION — **William L. Cook**, 70, died Sunday at home. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery in LaGrange. No calling.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002

Barbara McLay

BLOOMINGTON — Barbara Lynn McLay, 67, of Bloomington, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, in Bloomington Hospital.

Mrs. McLay was a registered nurse, graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. She was also licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

She formerly lived in the Auburn and Garrett area. She was of the Catholic faith.

She was born Oct. 7, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Joseph and Margaret (Katzenmeyer) Gibson. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, James McLay of Bloomington; one daughter, Margaret G. "Meg" Ryan of Greenwood; three sons, Cameron S. McLay of Madison, Wis., and Curtis C. McLay and J. Nicholas McLay, both of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Allen Funeral Home, 3000 E. Third St., Bloomington. The family will greet friends after the service.

Memorials are to the Monroe County Humane Association or St. Vincent's Children's Hospital, in care of the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Leona W. Pifer**, 75, died Thursday. Graveside services Sunday at 1 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Calling Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

HUNTERTOWN — **Elmer H.F. Buettner**, 95, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

HUNTINGTON — **Thelma L. Hippensteel**, 94, died Wednesday at The Heritage of Huntington. Services pending at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington.

HUNTINGTON — **Mildred Mercides Hougendobler**, 97, died Thursday at home. Services at 3 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2002

Thomas Wehrenberg

FREMONT — Thomas A. Wehrenberg, 71, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. at his home at Clear Lake.

Mr. Wehrenberg had retired from W.A. Sheets & Sons Construction of Fort Wayne after many years of service.

He was a member of St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church at Clear Lake.

He was born April 23, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Bertha (Sandkuhler) Wehrenberg.

He married Mary Ann Parmelee on June 4, 1964, in Sidney, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Molly Bodenschatz of Fishers, Sally Heller of Fremont and Shirley Jones of Mansfield, Texas; one son, Timothy Wehrenberg of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Joann Groth of Fort Wayne and Joyce Geroff of Naperville, Ill.; and one brother, David Wehrenberg of Tulsa, Okla.

A brother, Henry Wehrenberg, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake. Father Philip Schneider will officiate. A private interment service will take place in Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul Chapel.

Memorials are to the Fremont Public Library Building Fund or the Breeden YMCA of Angola.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Scott L. Bailey**, 53, died Thursday at 7:20 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center at Fort Wayne. Services are Monday at 1 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will follow in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling with be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Nina Sowles

LAGRANGE — Nina Sowles, 94, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange.

Mrs. Sowles was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Hamilton to George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins.

She married Jay E. Sowles on Dec. 6, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 1, 1965.

Surviving are five sons, Leon Sowles , Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion and Donald W. Sowles of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Dorsey; a grandchild, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

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THE EVENING STAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2002

Paul Hollar

SYRACUSE — Paul E. Hollar, 85, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Fla.

Mr. Hollar retired from the agriculture profession in 1982 and was a member of Hastings Island Chapel United Methodist Church in Milford, where he served as a Sunday school teacher. He also was a member of the St. Cloud Horseshoe Club, and was a former board member of the Kosciusko County REMC.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lucy; a son, Terry L. of Milford; a daughter, Ginger Lull of Greenwood; two brothers, Everett of St. Cloud and Richard of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford, with calling one hour before services and from 4-8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

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Thelma Holley

FORT WAYNE — Thelma U. Holley, 80, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of North Christian Church. She was born in Deshler, Ohio.

Her husband, Curtis F. Holley, preceded her in death in 1984. A daughter, Jean Greiner, died in 1998 and two brothers, Harold and Max Bishop, also are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Curtis K. of LaOtto; a daughter, LuAnn H. Jacobus of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-7 p.m.

Memorials are to North Christian Church, the American Heart Association or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Thelma Hippensteel

HUNTINGTON — Thelma L. Hippensteel, 94, of Huntington, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at The Heritage of Huntington.

She was a Wabash County native and retired from Huntington County Community School Corp. in 1972. She also farmed with her husband in Clear Creek Township.

She was a member of the Indiana State and Huntington Area retired teachers associations and Clear Creek Homemakers Club.

Surviving are four sons, Peter A. of Angola, Bruce H. of Wolcottville, Stanley G. of Huntington and Kirk E., M.D., of Roanoke, Va.; a daughter, Lynn A. Hippensteel of South Venice, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Dale E., two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Private family memorial services will be held at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. There will be no calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Huntington North High School Library Media Center or an organization of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

PIERCETON — **Arizona Mullins**, 81, of Pierceton, died Friday at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw. Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Free United Baptist Church in Packerton.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Michael Kent Coulter**, 53, died Friday at home. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. today. Burial with military rites will be at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Coesse.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Herbert W. Rose**, 83, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002

Charles Fritz

FORT WAYNE — Charles Ervin Fritz, 22, died last week in Fort Wayne in a traffic accident. He was last seen March 17 at 3 a.m. with his friend, Tad Maxwell, at Flanagan's Restaurant & Pub in Fort Wayne. Their bodies were found Friday in their car, submerged in a pond off Liberty Mills Road.

Mr. Fritz was a stockman at Arden in Kendallville and worked for Kitty Hawk at the Fort Wayne Airport. He formerly worked at Stein Mart in Orlando, Fla.

He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He attended the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo and attended Northrop High School. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion and the Order of DeMolay, Fort Wayne chapter.

He was born Aug. 10 ,1979, in Kendallville. His mother, Shirley G. Douglass, survives in Fort Wayne and his father, Jack Fritz, survives in Carmel.

Also surviving are two sisters, Hope M. Williams of Kendallville and Julie J. Fritz of Fort Wayne; a maternal grandmother, Norma Jones of Kendallville; and his former stepfather, Mark D. Douglass of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Charles Jones, and his paternal grandparents, Ervin and Betty Fritz.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, on Dupont Road in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Russell Boots

ANGOLA — Russell C. Boots, 57, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Angola.

Mr. Boots owned Russ Boots Dirt Work in Angola. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 5, 1944, in Garrett to Robert and Byrdenia (Alleshouse) Boots. They survive in Hudson.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and LeAnn Boots of Angola; one daughter, Tamara Kurtz of Orland; three brothers, Alan Boots of Howe and Vance Boots and Eric Boots, both of Hudson; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian E. Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County. There will be no calling.

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THE EVENING STAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2002

Donn Lowman

WATERLOO — Donn P. Lowman Sr., 63, died Saturday, March 23, 2002, in his Waterloo home.

Mr. Lowman owned and operated the Lowman Co. from 1963 to 1996 and retired from Ramco in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 28, 1939, in Waterloo to Lester and Mary (Colter) Lowman. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Donn Lowman Jr. and Dianna Lowman of Auburn; one daughter, Debra Lowman; one brother, John Lowman of Waterville, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Jennifer, Timothy, Jason and Tyler Lowman.

Two brothers, Lester Lowman Jr. and Richard Lowman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Children First Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **James O. Ervin Jr.**, 68, died Sunday. A memorial service will be held at a later date. No calling. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

NORFOLK, Va. — **Jean L. McClellan**, 89, a former Angola resident, died Monday, March 18. Services were held today at noon in The Church of the Good Shepherd in Norfolk.

STUART, Fla. — **Gloria J. Zachrich**, 76, died Saturday at her home in Stuart. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Defiance, Ohio. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance.

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THE EVENING STAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002

Loretta Raub

HUNTERTOWN — Loretta Raub, 86, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Raub was a department manager with Broadway Stores for 23 years, retiring in 1983. She lived in Huntertown and was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 18, 1915, in Garrett.

She married Robert Raub on Feb. 9, 1936, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Barbara Hoffmeyer of Waterloo and Jacqueline Swain of Cantonment, Fla.; two nieces, Barbara Dawson of Huntertown and Becky Freck of Nashville, Tenn.; one nephew, John Raub of Peru, Ind.; and a sister-in-law, Frances Freck of Huntertown.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7401 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there after 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1370 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Resurrection Lutheran Church music fund or Sacred Heart Garden Fund.

Evening Star, Wed., Mar. 27, 2002 (cont'd)

Robert Porter

BUTLER — Robert Porter, 64, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at 10 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Porter was a member of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local 166 in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He had lived in Butler for several years and was a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born April 4, 1937, in Salyersville, Ky., to Cletus and Opal (Stepp) Porter. They preceded him in death.

He married Bertha Fry on Jan. 13, 1979, in Butler. She died Oct. 8, 2001.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Julie Porter of Mishawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shelly and Mick Dean of Greenfield, and Cathy and Dan Scharpf of New London, N.H.; three stepsons, Dennis Black of St. Joe, Henry Black of Butler and Randy Black of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Loretta Carper of Auburn; one brother, Ronald Porter of Avon; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cystic Fibrosis.

Condolences may be sent to jonj@locl.net.

Christina Contrez

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Christina A. Contrez, 71, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at her home in Hicksville.

Mrs. Contrez was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville and worked in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 7, 1930, at Hartford City to Florencio and Carmen (Morales) Ortiz.

Surviving are one daughter, Rebeca Perez of Hicksville; three sons, George G. Martinez, Manuel Martinez and Albino Martinez Jr., all of Hicksville; nine sisters, Mary Razo of Decatur, Gloria Jasso of Antwerp, Ohio, Arebella Sanchez of Victoria, Texas, Dorothy Chew of St. Joe, Margaret Nieto of Rockdale, Texas, Hope Castillo of Hicksville, Juanita Gonzalez of Fort Pierce, Fla., Josephine Navarro of Delta, Ohio, and Carmen Garcia of Hicksville; two brothers, Paul Ortiz of Decatur and Johnny Ortiz of Butler; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is Wednesday after 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Ladies Auxiliary of Hicksville Eagles will conduct a service Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and a rosary service will begin at 7 p.m.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **John C. "Jack" Garner**, 96, died Tuesday at 8:19 p.m. Arrangements are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

FREMONT — **Lucille Rubley**, 86, died Tuesday. Memorial services at a later date. No calling. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

MONTPELIER — **Robert L. Wright**, 70, formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday at his home in Montpelier. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LAKE EVERETT — **Donald T. Brewster**, 55, died early today at his home. Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Ardella King

FORT WAYNE — Ardella M. King, 77, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at Beverly Rehab & Specialty Care Center.

She worked for Magnavox, retiring in 1993 after eight years. She also worked at Walgreens for five years.

Surviving are a son, Jeff B. King of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Joan S. Henkel of Fort Wayne and Deborah Branstrator of Prescott, Ariz.; two brothers, Frank LaLone of Antwerp, Ohio, and Howard Lee LaLone of Garrett; a sister, Pat Nierman of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank E. King.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or the National Alzheimer's Association.

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Huber Carr

AUBURN — Huber C. Carr, 86, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at 3:50 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Carr was a farmer his entire life and worked at the Farm Bureau Co-op, from which he retired in 1978.

He was a member of the Big Run Evangelical United Brethren Church and the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

Mr. Carr

He was born June 15, 1915, in DeKalb County to Fred and Rose (Everitt) Carr.

He married Francis (Smith) Carr on Sept. 30, 1934, in Paulding, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Marilyn Carr of Auburn; three daugthers and sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and William Sipe of Butler, Jane and Bob Biddle of Garrett, and Jean and Wilber Camp of Auburn; a brother, Henry Carr of Garrett; a sister, Annabell Thimlar of Butler; 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy, and a sister, Mary Carr.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery of rural Butler.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Noelys Martin

GARRETT — Noelys "Noely" J. Martin, 75, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Wellstar at Windy Hill Hospital, Marietta, Ga.

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for most of her life before moving to Woodstock, Ga., four months ago.

She was born July 18, 1926, in Elkhart to Frank and Pauline (Bausserman) Hawn.

Noelys Martin

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karen and Ed Stahley of Nappanee, Jane and Steve Sprague of Garrett, Becky and Grover Bailey of Garrett, Myra and Mark Stone of Woodstock, Ga., and Melody Custer of Garrett; a step-daughter, Linda Bishop of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Manny Hawn of Rome City, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Duane Hawn of Larwill, and Kirby Hawn of Hamilton; three sisters, LaDial White of Butler, Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Missouri, and Retha Cluster of Butler; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy; an infant daughter, Rebecca; and a brother, Keith Hawn.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

John Maxton

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — John C. "Jack" Maxton, 67, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Mr. Maxton was a former Butler resident and began his career at Maxton Motors in Butler, his father's General Motors dealership. He moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1967 to become principal dealer for the Chevrolet dealership founded by his uncle, Mahlon Maxton, in 1952. The dealership then become Jack Maxton Chevrolet.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1956 with a degree in business and served as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was born June 3, 1934, in Butler to C.J. and Audra (Zimmer) Maxton.

He married Betsy Kroger in 1957. She preceded him in death after 42 years of marriage.

Surviving are a daughter, Libby; his wife, Jodi; a stepdaughter, Andrea; a stepson, Adrian; three nephews, John, Jim and Joel; and three nieces, Judy, Jeri and Jan.

A sister, Jane, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St., Westerville, with Dr. Arthur Shultz officiating.

Memorials are to Hospice of Columbus, Columbus Foundation or the Humane Society.

Hill Funeral Home of Westerville is in charge of arrangements.

Dixie Creager

FORT WAYNE — Dixie E. Creager, 61, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a group home manager for Your Friends & Neighbors in Fort Wayne. She was born in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are three daughters, Shelly Richmond of Butler, Shannon Shaneyfelt of Albion and Andrea Stanley of Angola; a step-daughter, Carol Richmond of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Larry Creager of Corunna and Kevin Creager of Auburn; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and a sister, Judy Barnhart of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard W. Creager, who died in 1986.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo-Cedarville. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Bonita Garman

AUBURN — Bonita A. Garman, 81, died Wednesday, March 26, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Garman was a homemaker and member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the GLC Club. She also was a 4-H leader.

She was a former resident of Fort Wayne and attended St. Peter's Catholic School.

She was born July 21, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Leo A. and E. Irene (Lothamer) Reville.

Her husband, George E. Garman, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Sharon Garman of Waterloo, David and Loretta Garman of Auburn, and Leo and Julie Garman of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Voirol of Auburn, Nancy and Mike Huth of Garrett, and Mary and Gary Mondor of Auburn; two brothers, Robert Reville of Pennsylvania and Thomas Reville of Maine; two sisters, Phyllis Jackson and Nancy Mahler, both of Marion 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Daniel Reville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's organizations and the Special Olympics.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **John C. "Jack" Garner**, 96, died Tuesday at 8:19 p.m. Services Friday at 3 p.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — **William L. Goff**, 74, a former Kendallville resident, died March 12. Services will be held in Indianapolis at a later date. Memorial services were held in Florida.

LAKE EVERETT — **Donald T. Brewster**, 55, died Wednesday at home. No services or calling scheduled.

MONTPELIER — **Robert L. Wright**, 70, died Tuesday at home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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Joyce Kelley

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Joyce M. Kelley, 73, died Wednesday at Community Hospital in New Port Richey, Fla.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, she retired in 1991 from the housekeeping department at the Fort Wayne State Development Center.

She was born in Jackson, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Kelley of Fort Wayne and Richard L. Kelley of Florida; a daughter, Mickie Downend of Fort Wayne; a brother, Clifford D. Cox of Auburn; three sisters, Beulah Seymour of Colorado, Betty L. McConnell of Pleasant Lake and Wava J. McDonald of Ashley; an adopted sister, Elizabeth Evans; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are pending for Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Deloris Eddy

BUTLER — Deloris Maxine Eddy, 70, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

She retired Oct. 1, 1997, after 20 years as a purchasing agent for Auburn Foundry. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and Women of the Moose Chapter 266 in Angola.

She was born July 9, 1931, in Butler to Earl and Wava (Robinson) Griffin.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn A. and Holly Eddy of Tyler, Texas, and Ronald L. and Robyn Eddy of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Amy L. and Michael Kline of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Elvin L. Griffin of California and Dallas Griffin of Butler; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ed Harris

FORT WAYNE — Ed Harris, 54, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at home.

He was the owner and operator of Harris & Sons Inc. and national sales manager from 1970 to 1980 for Harris Flote Bote.

He was born in Wolf Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Harris; two sons, James Edward Harris Jr. of Winchester and Todd Allan Harris of Gas City; a daughter, Robyn Ann Chapman of Fort Wayne; his father, Walter Pete Harris of Naples, Fla.; three brothers, David L. Harris of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Dennis L. and Bob Harris, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Rebecca J. Bates of Corydon, Patty E. Hardy of Hamilton and Jackie S. Zuber of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church, with calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is also 6 to 8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church.

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Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Sheryl A. Loving**, 47, died Wednesday. Memorial services Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 6 p.m.

FREMONT — **Mildred H. "Millie" McGinnis**, 90, died Wednesday. Graveside services were held today at 11 a.m. in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, was in charge of arrangements.

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Lois Kunkel

BUTLER — Lois M. Kunkel, 84, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 9:55 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kunkel was a homemaker in Butler. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Butler American Legion Post 202 Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Angola to Roy and Emma (Wilson) Badger.

She married Charles H. Kunkel on Feb. 9, 1947, in Angola. He died March 28, 1996.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Delilah Schaeffer of New Haven; and three grandchildren, Laurie Schaeffer of St. Louis, Mo., David Schaeffer of Fort Wayne and Lisa Schaeffer of New Haven.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Monday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Jackie Dickson

AUBURN — Jackie E. "Jack" Dickson, 65, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Dickson retired from Auburn Gear in 1981 as a machine operator with 20 years of service. He lived in Auburn.

He was born July 19, 1936, in Auburn to John and Mary (Hogan) Dickson.

He married Norma Timmerman on Nov. 3, 1957. She died Sept. 12, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin Dickson of Auburn, Todd and Gina Dickson of Evans, Ga., and Jack and Julieann Dickson of Augusta, Ga.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Roger Cagle of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lisa and Tim Stutzman of Auburn; one brother, Ted Dickson of Auburn; four sisters, Doris Ort, Betty Miller, Jane Boger and Shirley Gruter, all of Auburn; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Dickson; one brother, John Dickson; and one sister, Darlene.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Aileen Sartor

AVILLA — Aileen M. Sartor, 80, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 6 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Sartor worked in the Garrett High School cafeteria for nine years and as a secretary to Father Hoeval for six years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Harvest House, Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella. She was past president of the Legion of Mary.

She had lived in Avilla for the past four years.

She was born Oct. 26, 1911, in Garrett to Emanuel G. and Martha (Genda) Pfaff.

She married Carl H. Sartor on July 27, 1927, in Garrett. He died April 9, 1996.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Larry Martin of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Pfaff of Avilla; three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Pfaff, and a sister, Dorothy Holsenberg.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Daniel R. Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Noelys Martin

GARRETT — Noelys "Noely" J. Martin, 75, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Wellstar at Windy Hill Hospital in Marietta, Ga.

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for most of her life before moving to Woodstock, Ga., four months ago.

Noelys Martin

She was born July 18, 1926, in Elkhart to Frank and Pauline (Bausserman) Hawn.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karen and Ed Stahley of Nappanee, Jane and Steve Sprague of Garrett, Becky and Grover Bailey of Garrett, Myra and Mark Stone of Woodstock, Ga., and Melody Custer of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Linda Bishop of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Manny Hawn of Rome City, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Duane Hawn of Larwill, and Kirby Hawn of Hamilton; three sisters, LaDial White of Butler, Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Missouri, and Retha Cluster of Butler; 12 grandchildren, two step grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy; an infant daughter, Rebecca; a brother, Keith Hawn; a grandson, Brian Stahley; and two great-grandsons, Ryan Troyer and Logan Bailey.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Bonita Garman

AUBURN — Bonita A. Garman, 81, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Garman was a homemaker and member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the GLC Club. She also was a 4-H leader.

She was a former resident of Fort Wayne and attended St. Peter's Catholic School.

She was born July 21, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Leo A. and E. Irene (Lothamer) Reuille.

Her husband, George E. Garman, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Sharon Garman of Waterloo, David and Loretta Garman of Auburn, and Leo and Julie Garman of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Voirol of Auburn, Nancy and Mike Huth of Garrett, and Mary and Gary Mondor of Auburn; two brothers, Robert Reuille of Pennsylvania and Thomas Reuille of Maine; two sisters, Phyllis Jackson and Nancy Mahler, both of Marion; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Daniel Reuille.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.; and Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's organizations and the Special Olympics.

Shirley Ullinskey

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Shirley J. Ullinskey, 67, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 8:52 p.m. in Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Ullinskey was a homemaker and lived in Defiance. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Defiance Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 4, 1934, in Defiance to Lewis M. Frisinger Sr. and Hattie Blossom (Dershem) Frisinger.

She married Carl Ullinskey on Jan. 19, 1952. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Carla Sharman, Shelia Creeden, and Gail and Daniel Grimes, all of Defiance, and Peggy and Ron Caillouet of Auburn; four sons, Lewis S. Ullinskey of Youngstown, Ohio, Dennis Ullinskey and Jeffrey Ullinskey, both of Defiance, and James Ullinskey of Paulding, Ohio; two brothers, Fran Frisinger of Defiance and Lewis Frisinger of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Florence and Bernard Sieg of Monroe, Mich., and Wilma and Allan Shaffer of Fort Wayne; and 20 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers, Chester, Lester, Harold, Edward, Quent, Walter, Forrest, Arley, Robert and Lloyd Frisinger; and two sisters, Gladys Marihugh and Pauline Garman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, with Father Tim Kummerer officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Calling is Monday from 2-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Rosemary McConnell

ALBION — Rosemary McConnell, 42, of rural Albion died at 6:37 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002, at her home. She had been in declining health since December 2001.

She was born in Churubusco on Nov. 4, 1929, to Frank and Claire (Niess) Kocher. As a young girl, she moved to El Cajon, Calif., with her parents, and spent her formative years there. She returned to this area in 1947, and married Jack D. McConnell in California on Sept. 26, 1948. The couple spent most of their married life in the Churubusco area, and had lived at their present home in Green Township since 1971.

Mrs. McConnell

Always interested in the education of young people, she worked as a secretary at both the former Green Center Elementary School and Churubusco Elementary School, and was later the librarian at Churubusco Elementary. She retired in 1990 as a vocational education teacher in the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District in Garrett after 14 years.

She was a naturalist and had a vital interest in the Native American people and culture.

Surviving relatives include her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, George and Jacqueline M. Campana of Albion, Gary and Jill C. Bontrager of LaOtto, and David and Joan Schnellbach of Churubusco; four sons and daughters-in-law, David R. and Karen McConnell of Churubusco, Jerry L. and Carol McConnell of Muncie, Richard and Rhonda McConnell of Dayton, Ohio, and Joel I. and Colette McConnell of Albion; four brothers, Robert McConnell of Cortez, Colo., Roger Kocher and Martin Kocher, both of El Cajon, Calif., and Richard Kocher of Los Angeles, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Eric Ball of Albion Wesleyan Church officiating.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Rosemary McConnell Memorial Fund, c/o Farmers and Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 224, Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Phyllis Johnson

ALBION — Phyllis Rose Johnson, 76, of High Lake, Albion, and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She was a native of Pierceton and worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, and at Kroger's, Freeman's Department Store, Western Auto and American Legion and VFW posts, all in Churubusco. She was past president and charter member of the VFW and American Legion Post 157.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Mary L. Grimes of Big Lake; and three stepgrandchildren. Her husband, Kenneth W., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 11 a.m. until services. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

Myrtle Bearman

FREMONT — Myrtle M. Bearman, 90, of Snow Lake, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Hospice Home in Tavares, Fla.

She was the former co-owner of L&M Motors and Goodale Abstract, both Angola businesses. She was a member of the Angola Order of the Eastern Star 76 and the Angola Business and Professional Women.

She was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Fort Wayne, to Leonard H. and Mable (Wallace) Hanis. She married Leonard H. Bearman, and he preceded her in death May 27, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard C. and Alta Bearman of Valdosta, Ga.; and a granddaughter and her husband, Linda B. and John Glesby of Park City, Utah.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice or Hospice of Lake & Sumpter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

Mildred McGinnis

FREMONT — Mildred H. "Millie" McGinnis, 90, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, in her Fremont home.

Mrs. McGinnis was a homemaker and a graduate of Wabash High School. She attended York United Methodist Church and was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club.

She was born Jan. 22, 1912, in Wabash County. Her mother and stepfather, Murrel (Dawes) and Ross Miller, preceded her in death.

She married Harold McGinnis on Dec. 20, 1935. He died in December 1987.

Surviving are one nephew, Toby Rife of Wabash; two cousins, Robert Dawes and Ralph Dawes of LaFontaine; a sister, Vera Graves of Yuma, Ariz.; and a friend, Wanita Sellers of Angola.

Two brothers, Dorwin Rife and Don Rife, preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held Friday in Friends Cemetery, Wabash, with Robert Dawes officiating. There was no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, was in charge of arrangements.

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Howard Heckner

LIGONIER — Howard G. Heckner, 70, of Ligonier, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at his home.

He was an attorney in general practice at his firm, Heckner & Kirsch. He and his son had owned and operated WLNB Radio, where he broadcast the daily news and the "Music for a Sunday Morning" classical music radio program. He lived in Ligonier since moving from Goshen in 1962.

Mr. Heckner

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, of Ligonier, and served on its board of elders. He was a founding member of the church and the Noble County Community Foundation, which bestowed on him the Giver of Gifts award last year. He served on the board of directors for the G. Martin Kenney Foundation, the Jennie Thompson Foundation and the Ligonier Industrial Development Corp. He was also a member of the West Noble American Legion.

He had served as school attorney for West Noble and Central Noble school corporations, and was a member of the Noble County Bar Association. He served for many years as a director for American State Bank and had also been city attorney for Ligonier.

He was instrumental in forming the Ligonier Historical Society and securing the Jewish synagogue which houses its museum. He was an airplane pilot and enjoyed spontaneous flights with his family and friends. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Neenah, Wis., to George A. and Erna (Pagel) Heckner. On Sept. 10, 1956, in Orleans, France, he married Lois J. Miller, and his wife survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Esther Heckner of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Joseph Ulrey of Dearborn, Mich., and Anne and Dan Holland of New Bedford, Md.; a sister, Dorothy Mendonca of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier, with the Rev. Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Clara Kuehner

FREMONT — Clara Hope Kuehner, 49, of Fremont and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne of complications from heart surgery.

A Churubusco High School graduate, she had worked at Genaco, Inc., in Merriam for 10 years, and later worked at C.F. Gomma USA, Inc., in Columbia City. She enjoyed her family and friends and playing Bingo.

Mrs. Kuehner

She was born in Wolf Lake Sept. 15, 1952, to Roger D. and Marceil M. (Deck) Eamick. On May 25, 1973, she married Ronald C. Kuehner, living first in Whitley County and then moving to Fremont in 1995. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Renita Kuehner of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Brandy Kuehner of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Dick Kirkpatrick of Rome City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tony and Louise Eamick and Dean and Rita Eamick, all of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Joey and Brayden Kuehner.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Tuesday. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Larry Burkhalter

MARATHON, Fla. — Larry L. Burkhalter, 44, of Marathon, Fla., died Monday, March 4, 2002, in Marathon.

He was a Fort Wayne native and had worked for Beneway, Inc. and The News-Sentinel in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Haley R. and Jessica L., both of Marathon; his father, Norman of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Connie J. Likes of Angola and Sondra C. Miller of Hudson; a brother, Fred R. of Cincinnati; his former wife, Laura Dickens; and his friend, Terry Hillbig.

His mother, Phyllis, preceded him in death.

Services were held March 11 at McCluney Funeral Home in Marathon.

Leona Detlefsen

KENDALLVILLE — Leona M. Schuman Detlefsen, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Epoch Senior Healthcare in Brewster, Mass.

She was a Kendallville native and a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Detlefsen of Brewster, Mass., and Ellen Worthington of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, a daughter, Margaret J. Bendewald, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Hospice & Paliative Care of Cape Cod, 270 Communications Way, Hyannis, Mass. 12601.

Evening Star, Sun., Mar. 31, 2002 (cont'd)

Hazel Evers Robeson

KENDALVILLE — Hazel Evers Robeson, 83, lifelong Kendallville resident, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided since 1999.

She and her sister were truck drivers for the family business, Kendallville Fertilizer, Inc., from 1941-1945. She then spent 10 years as a homemaker before purchasing, with her first husband, the J.R. Stonebraker Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in 1955, serving as secretary-treasurer until her retirement in October, 1980. She enjoyed lawn work and gardening. She was a member of the Lady Elks and the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Robeson

She was born Jan. 8, 1919, to Lionel and Wilodean (Miller) Kreischer. She married Walter Evers on Aug. 21, 1938, in DeKalb County, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1968. She then married Robert Robeson in 1977, and he died Aug. 28, 1988. Five sisters, Elizabeth Zawadzke and Catherine Duvve, both of Kendallville, Maxine Bauman and Martha Clement, both of Auburn and Josephine Nelson of Cincinnati, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sara Judith Evers of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Stephen and Denise Evers of Rome City; a great-granddaughter, Delaney Evers of Rome City; and three sisters, Barbara "Bobbie" Mayne of Kendallville, Marlyn "Corky" Hoffien of Fairborn, Ohio, and Jenny Ringler of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Oliver Krueger

ANGOLA — Oliver M. Krueger, 76, of Angola died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 5 p.m. at his home.

He was born May 18, 1925, in Cold Springs, Minn., to Frank Krueger and Elizabeth (Stomas) Krueger. Mr. Krueger married Ursula Brinkman on June 3, 1947, and she died in 1977.

During his life, Krueger worked as a housekeeping supervisor at the VA Hospital in Marion. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 95 in Jonesboro, the VFW Post 6728 in Gas City, and Gas City Moose Lodge 1778.

Mr. Krueger is survived by two sons, David Krueger of Waterboro, Maine, and Thomas Krueger of Nevis, Minn.; two daughters, Marlene Sweet of Angola and Catherine Dennis of Delano, Minn.; one brother, Melvin Krueger of Richmond, Minn.; one sister, Valeria Rauchendorfer of St. Cloud, Minn.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Marcellus Krueger, and two sisters, LaVern Loesch and Arnella Hansen.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Gas City with the Rev. Dave Newton officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Suggested memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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Velma Collins

FORT WAYNE — Velma M. Collins, 90, died Saturday, March 31, 2002, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Collins of Auburn and Michael Collins of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Barbara Beck of Evansville and Carilyn Dearduff of Roanoke; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Millard, who died in 1993.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Kempton Methodist Church in Kempton. Burial will be in Kempton Cemetery.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

McMullan Funeral Home in Westfield is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Vicki Lee Barker**, 49, died Saturday at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Services pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ROME CITY — **John Emil Bloomfield**, 79, died Sunday at home. Services pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

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Harold Rosswurm

NEW HAVEN — Harold J. Rosswurm, 86, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He was a farmer, retiring in 1986 after 50 years.

He was born in Monroeville.

Surviving are his wife, Muriel; two sons, Daniel Rosswurm of Rochester and Phillip Rosswurm of Fort Wayne; nine daughters, Cynthia Kinney, Roseann Bloomfield, Marijo Sliger and Vivian Welch, all of Fort Wayne, Marilyn Staub of Decatur, Rita Krawiec of Troy, Mich., Patricia O'Connor of Auburn, Margaret Halley of Zionsville and Monica Steinau of Naperville, Ill.; four brothers, Maurice, Bernard, Eugene and Kenneth Rosswurm, all of Fort Wayne; 56 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra, who died in 1943.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Burial will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

Memorials are to masses, St. Andrew's Soup Kitchens or St. Vincent de Paul.

Morgan Ginder

WOLCOTTVILLE — Morgan Kaye Ginder was stillborn Saturday, March 30, 2002, at 12:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, William Allen Ginder and Marjorie Louise (Reynolds) Ginder of Wolcottville; three brothers, Justin Barry, Joseph Barry and Michael Ginder, all at home; her maternal grandparents, Betty and Virgil Wright of Wolcottville; her paternal grandparents, Jim and Paulette Ginder of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

One brother, Timothy Barry, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Hazel Robeson

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel Evers Robeson, 83, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked from 1941 to 1945 for Kendallville Fertilizer Inc. while her husband was serving in the armed forces. From 1945 to 1955 she was a homemaker, and from 1955 until her retirement in 1980 she worked as secretary/treasurer for J.R. Stonebraker Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership, which she and her first husband, Walter Evers, owned.

She enjoyed lawn work and gardening. She was a member of the Lady Elks and Women of the Moose.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 8, 1919, to Lionel and Wilda (Miller) Kreischer.

She married Mr. Evers in DeKalb County on Aug. 21, 1938. He preceded her in death Dec. 4, 1968.

She then married Robert Robeson in 1977. He preceded her in death Aug. 28, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sara Judith Evers of Kendallville; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Stephen and Denice Evers of Rome City; a great-granddaughter, Delaney Evers of Rome City; three sisters, Barbara "Bobbie" Mayne of Kendallville, Marlyn "Corky" Hoffien of Fairborn, Ohio, and Jenny Ringler of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Elizabeth Zawadzke and Catherine Duve, both of Kendallville, Maxine Bauman and Martha Clement, both of Auburn, and Josephine Nelson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to St. Francis Hall Alzheimers Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

John Bloomfield

ROME CITY — John E. Bloomfield, 79, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at home.

Mr. Bloomfield

He was a self-employed contractor and also worked as a bus driver for East Noble School Corp. He was a past commander of Rome City American Legion Post 381, past fire chief of the Orange Township Fire Department and a member of the Rome City Park Board. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born in Kendallville on Aug. 17, 1922, to Emil and Caroline (Engle) Bloomfield. He graduated from Rome City High School.

He married Patricia C. Bowser in Kendallville on May 10, 1947. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Shirley Bloomfield of Page, Ariz., Jeff Bloomfield of Rome City, Robert and Deb Bloomfield of Wolcottville and Jerry and Ellen Bloomfield of Northbrook, Ill.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Rita and Jim Tritch of Pleasant Lake, Rose Stienbarger of Henderson, N.C., Joan and Terry Keck of Wolcottville and Renee and David Perkinson of Indianapolis; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of Yuba City, Calif.; and two sisters, Bessie Castator of Ligonier and Catherine Wilson of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Greg Stienbarger; three brothers, Melvin, Amos and Clarence Bloomfield; and a granddaughter.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Brian VanOsdol will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Orange Township Fire Department.

Grover Short

GARRETT — Grover Steven "Steve" Short, 51, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at 1 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Short

Mr. Short was the sales manager at Yoder Ford in Garrett for 12 years and was the former owner of Grover's Men's Wear in Garrett.

He was a lifetime Garrett resident and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, Garrett American Legion Post 178 and Garrett Band Parents.

He was current president of the Holiday Lakes Homeowners Association and a former Garrett volunteer firefighter.

He was born Nov. 19, 1950, in Garrett to L. Meredith and Margaret M. (Reynolds) Short. They preceded him in death.

He married Victoria L. Redmond on April 5, 1975, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Amanda and Jeff Huffman of Fort Wayne, and Gillian Short of Garrett; one brother, Jim Short of Houston; one sister, Donna Morris of Claypool; and a grandson, Trey Huffman of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Gillian Short Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Evening Star, Tues., April 2, 2002 (cont'd)

Lucile Bryan

ANGOLA — Lucile M. Bryan, 89, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bryan was a hospital practical nurse and lived in Angola. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and enjoyed nature, fishing, art, literature and music.

She was born April 24, 1912, in the Steuben County community of Nevada Mills to Frank and Ida (Reynolds) Rodgers.

She married Robert Bryan on Dec. 14, 1931. He died in 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Don Bryan of Coldwater, Mich., and Richard Bryan of Oxnard, Calif.; two daughters, Ruth Mitchell of Angola and Patricia Bryan of Grand Junction, Colo.; one brother, Jack Rodgers of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Kathryn Wilson of Chicago and Mary Bushong of Elkhart; two sisters-in-law, Leta Rodgers of Nevada Mills and Mary Ann Rodgers of Orland; a stepmother, May Foster of Orland; one stepbrother, Robert Rodgers of Auburn; three stepsisters, Bonnie Booth of Orland, Sharrie Rodgers of Greenfield and Judy Aldrich of Angola; 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert C. Bryan II and John Bennett Bryan; and four brothers, Earl, Pete, Gene and Mike Rodgers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home of Angola, with calling there after 11 a.m. Tim Seevers of the Pleasant View Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Area Deaths

ORLAND — **Delores C. Cochran**, 64, died Monday. Graveside services Thursday at 11 a.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Calling Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Adam Smith

WATERLOO — Adam Christopher Scott Smith, 32, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at 2:57 a.m. in Community Hospital at Anderson.

He was born Jan. 30, 1970, in San Antonio, Texas, to Earl Don and Mary Helen (Minnix) Smith. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother, Travis Allen Smith of Michigan City; one aunt, Linda Kees of Auburn; and his grandmother, Hazel Grimm of Auburn.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or Ronald McDonald House, both in Indianapolis.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Charlotte Burns

ANGOLA — Charlotte J. Burns, 84, died Tuesday at home.

She worked for Fort Wayne State Hospital, retiring in 1980 after 34 years.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are a son, Wesley Burns of Angola; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christopher R. Burns Sr., in 1986, and a son, Christopher R. Burns Jr.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Grabill Missionary Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is one hour before services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Memorials to the church or WBCL-FM.

Kenneth Gasper

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth "Red" E. Gasper, 74, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was a self-employed floor tile mechanic, retiring in 1999.

He was born in Greencastle.

Surviving are his wife, Verna Gasper; a son, Kenneth Virgil Gasper of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Verna Jean Shuller of Fort Wayne, Peggy E. Gasper-Grile of Columbus, Ohio, Debra J. Redinger of St. Joe and Ginger R. Ervin of Roanoke; a stepbrother, Dodie Patton of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Cordelia Speakman of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials to the family.

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Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Josephine Impellizzeri**, 90, died today at 3:10 a.m. in Covington Manor Nursing Care at Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

VOORHEES, N.J. — **Marilynn J. Breyan**, 71, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday at Virtua-West Jersey Hospital in Voorhees. No local services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jennie Geller**, 89, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling one hour before services and 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Betty J. Gebert**, 72, died Monday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Services 1:30 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Arthur Hale Burgman**, 85, died Monday at home in Indianapolis. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Myers Chapel of Memories in Lebanon. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday with Elks rites at 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Gary L. Eshelman**, 60, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Eugene U. Henderson**, 72, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours before services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Angela Elise Mann**, an infant, died Saturday at Dupont Hospital. Private services will be held. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Victor H. Modricker**, 87, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Scribner**, 85, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services 5 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Geneva Denise Smith**, 50, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Greater Progressive Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Henry E. Starnes**, 81, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — **Louis Anthony Roman**, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth V. Beckman Brown**, 91, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Center. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 tonight.

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn Vera English Valentine**, 80, died Sunday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Vicki Lee Miles Barker**, 49, died Saturday at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

PIERCETON — **Raymond D. Faulkner**, 87, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today.

ALBION — **Colton K. Rollins**, an infant, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 1 p.m. today at Asbury United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

ALBION — **Caden J. Rollins**, an infant, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 1 p.m. today at Asbury United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

MINNETRISTA, Minn. — **George Nesbit Butzow**, 72, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 26. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Collins**, 62, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Greater Progressive Baptist Church. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Georgia "Jo" Deventer**, 53, died Monday at Silverbank Manor in Niles, Mich. Services 2 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary L. Engleman**, 83, died Monday at University Park Nursing Center. Graveside services at 1 p.m. today at Center Ridge Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Samuel Harris**, 78, died Sunday at home. Services scheduled for a later date. Calling 6 to 8 tonight at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Verne A. Hawley**, 96, died Friday at Saint Anne Home. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Saint Ann Home, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — **Lillian B. Main**, 85, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 11. Services were held in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — **Gloria Phipps**, 74, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services were Tuesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael Allan Ransberg**, 38, died Monday at home in Waynesville, N.C. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Louise O. Roberts**, 96, died Thursday at home. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 6 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris E. Schack**, 78, died Monday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 7 to 9 tonight at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

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Area Deaths

MERRILLVILLE — **Oma Lee Schmuck**, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at home. Services were this morning in Merrillville.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — **Esther L. Roush Shaffer**, 94, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 22 in Port Charlotte. Services were held in Florida.

SAN DIEGO — **Mary Stogdill Volz**, 90, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 26 at Kearny Mesa Convalescent Hospital in San Diego. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Episcopal Church, with calling there one hour prior to services.

WINCHESTER, Ky. — **Patricia Joan Wengert**, 69, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 tonight at Edgington-Taylor Funeral Home in Winchester.

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Jack Hill

FORT WAYNE — Jack D. Hill, 66, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Hill was a maintenance worker at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2000 after 35 years. He served in the U.S. Marine reserves.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Harman of Fort Wayne; two sons, James Russell of Charleston and Jeffrey Scott of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Larry Dean of Auburn and Juel Lynn of Fort Wayne; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are 7 p.m. today at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or ALS Association.

June Orwig

CORUNNA — June Orwig, 79, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home at Kendallville.

Mrs. Orwig was a homemaker and formerly lived in rural Corunna. She was a member of the Corunna Church of Christ.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Bonnie (Mason) Weirick.

She married Victor Orwig on June 21, 1941, in Avilla. He died March 30, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Marta Orwig of Corunna, and Tom and Pam Orwig of Corunna; one sister, Joy Muller of LaOtto; and three grandchildren, Andrew Orwig, Aaron Orwig and Holly Orwig.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and one brother, Don Weirick.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is Friday from 10 a.m.-noon at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virginia Lincoln

ANGOLA — Virginia B. Lincoln, 87, of Sevierville, Tenn., died Monday, April 1, 2002, in Cameron Hospital at Angola.

Mrs. Lincoln was a homemaker. She was a Past Matron and 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star at Coldwater, Mich.

She was born March 30, 1915, in Greencastle, Ind.

She married Robert E. Lincoln in 1933. He died in 1983.

Surviving here are four sons, Keith Lincoln of Mishawaka, Terry Lincoln of Sevierville, Tenn., John Lincoln of Eloy, Ariz., and Larry Lincoln of Greenfield; one daughter, Roberta Holiday of Hamilton; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were one son, Robert Lincoln in 1991, one sister, one brother and two step-brothers.

A private family service will be held in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Tim Seevers officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Cancer Association.

Evening Star Thur. 4 Apr. 2002 (Con't)

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Josephine Impellizzeri**, 89, died Wednesday at 3:10 a.m. in Covingtion Manor Nursing Care at Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Ronan-Vanderpool-Stegenga Funeral Home at Grand Rapids, Mich. Calling will be one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Charlotte M. Sigl**, 87, died Tuesday in Heritage Park Health Care Center at Fort Wayne. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway. Calling Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., and Monday from 9:30-10 a.m. at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Olive Langston**, 87, died Wednesday at home. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **James "Big Jim" Arrington**, 50, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Calling is 4 to 5 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Johnnie B. "Cussie" Corey**, 68, died Sunday at Courtland Health Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret M. Curts**, 56, died Wednesday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing & Rehab Center. Graveside services 1 p.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Lloyd Wihlen Dobynes Sr.**, 78, died Tuesday at home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Union Baptist Church; calling one hour prior to services.

GOLETA, Calif. — **Jerome W. Gibson**, 69, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 24. Memorial mass is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Church in Hessen Cassel.

FORT WAYNE — **Earl T. Knettle**, 100, died Tuesday at Towne House Retirement Community. Private family services will be held. No calling.

PALM DESERT, Calif. — **Gus Kokinakis**, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday in Rancho Mirage, Calif. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Phyllis M. Moore**, 76, died Wednesday at St. Anne Home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Peter Louis Nichols**, infant, died Monday at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo. Graveside services 2 p.m. today at Catholic Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **George Edward Powers**, 84, died Saturday at home. Services 2:30 p.m. today at Murray Funeral Home in Galveston, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Miranda E. Ross**, 103, died Tuesday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling is 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Enid Novalee Sowers**, 75, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Private family graveside services will be held at Prairie Grove Cemetery. Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. today at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph H. Toney**, 79, died Monday at Heritage Park Health Care. Graveside services 10 a.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

FORT WAYNE — **Estella Warnsley**, 70, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services noon Saturday at Carmichael Funeral Service, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Vitalis E. "Vickey" Wise**, 92, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Mass of Christian burial is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, with rosary at 7:30 p.m. Graveside services 1 p.m. Monday at Mount Olive Cemetery in Joliet, Ill.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002

Chloe Stucky

AVILLA — Chloe Renee Stucky was stillborn Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Allison M. Bruce and William John Stucky of Avilla; grandparents, Metta Hike of Fort Wayne, Theresa Buege of Parkersburg, Iowa, and William Doan of New Haven; and great-grandparents, John and Ruth Stucky of LaGrange.

Services were 10 a.m. today at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Putt

ANGOLA — Jerry L. Putt died Sunday, March 31, 2002, in Town and Country County Hospital at Tampa, Fla.

A former Angola resident, Mr. Putt had worked and lived in Tampa for the past eight years. He was employed for many years in management in the food business.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1970.

He was born in Princeton, Ind., to Donald E. and Mary Jo Putt. His father died in 1999. His mother survives in Angola.

Also surviving are one brother, Larry Putt of South Bend; one sister, Sally Jo (Putt) Kohler of Webster, N.Y.; three nieces, two nephews and two great nieces.

A private graveside service will be held in Christian Union Christian Cemetery near Garrett.

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Donald Long

ANGOLA — Donald E. Long, 75, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 8:20 a.m. in Angola.

Mr. Long was a sales representative for many years. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

He was born March 25, 1927, at Sterling, Ill., to Francis and Anne (McAndrews) Long.

He married Jean E. Bressler. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are, one son, Thomas Long of Cleveland, Ohio; and one brother, Paul J. Long of Dixon, Ill.

He was preceded in death by one son, John Long; and one brother, Ray Long.

Services will be held at a later date in Sterling, Ill. Johnson-Klink Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Eugene I. Carpenter**, 77, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Franklin D. Coffin**, 78, died Wednesday at Golden Years Homestead. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Leppert & Hensley Mortuary in Carmel. Calling is 10 a.m. to noon Monday.

PHOENIX — **Douglas Edward Gfell**, 45, formerly of Fort Wayne, died March 21 at Veterans Hospital in Phoenix. Memorial mass is 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert W. Hazelett**, 62, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fort Wayne Firefighter's Museum, with calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Judy K. Griffin**, 55, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital Chapel in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Marion G. Ivory**, 77, died Thursday at the Marion VA Medical Center. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Pickett Funeral Service, with calling one hour prior to services.

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THE EVENING STAR
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2002

Rosa Krontz

BUTLER — Rosa Z. Krontz, 95, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 3 p.m. at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Krontz had been a seamstress for Marshall Clothing and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 13, 1907, in Mooresville in DeKalb County to William H. and Susie (Greenfield) Rollins.

She married Basil Krontz Sept. 27, 1923, in Butler. He died Feb. 28, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Olan and Joyce Krontz of Avon Park, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Dolores and Charles Armstrong of Auburn; a sister, Edna Haffner of Butler; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Lynn; a brother, William Rollins; and three sisters, Viola Jetmore, Evelyn Krafft and Anna White.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Frank E. Weller officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to jonj@locl.net.

Richard Smith

FORT WAYNE — Richard K. Smith, 56, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 10:10 a.m. at the Hospice of Northeast Indiana, where he had been a patient for two days.

Mr. Smith worked at Mid-West Chemical Co. in Fort Wayne for 20 years until a disability forced him to retire. He was a member of the North Highland Church of Christ in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Eastside High School with the class of 1964.

He was born March 20, 1946, in Auburn to Kenneth O. and Ruth W. (Walter) Smith. His mother survives in Butler.

He married Wanda Balser on Jan. 23. 1971 in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Amanda Smith of Indianapolis; and two brothers, Keith Smith of Butler and Walter C. Smith of Lincoln, Ill.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Thomas O'Brien officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery in DeKalb County.

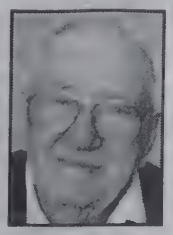
Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the African Christian Mission International, Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults or the Visiting Nurse Service of Northeast Indiana.

Evening Star Saturday 6 Apr 2002 (con't)

Jay Wallace

AUBURN — Jay W. Wallace, 93, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Garrett.


Mr. Wallace

Mr. Wallace was retired from full-time farming and had served as Jackson Township trustee. He was instrumental and active in forming the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department and the Jackson Township Community Building.

He was born Dec. 12, 1908, in Waterloo to Newton Jay Wallace and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace.

He married A. Pauline (Reed) Wallace on Feb. 11, 1932, in Auburn. She died Sept. 13, 1997.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert J. and Judy Wallace of Uniontown, Pa., Orval and Joan Wallace of Auburn and John and Diane Wallace of Auburn; three sisters, Betty Fee of Butler, Irene Rynearson of Corunna and Leon Riggs of Butler; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Ernest and Charles Wallace, and a sister, Edith Wallace.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Barber officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jack Hire

FREMONT — Jack E. Hire, 78, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Hire owned and operated several area restaurants before retiring in 1986. He served in the Armed Forces during World War II and the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine Club and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Hire

He was born July 12, 1913, in Waterloo to William Howard Hire and Ruth (Tillman) Hire.

He married Beulah (Wing) Hire on Jan. 25, 1947, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kirk Hire of Waterloo; two daughters, Toby Walter of Fremont and Nancy Drudge of Columbia City; a brother, George Hire of Melbourne, Fla.; four grandchildren, Angie Walter, Amy Price, Josh Frantz and Erik Watson; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Nicholas Price.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Ted Walter and Father Skip Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jake and Nicholas Price education fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Ida Mae Hicks

BRIMFIELD — Ida Mae Hicks, 67, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and babysitter. She had worked for nine years at Plasti-Matic in Albion.

She was born Jan. 13, 1935, in Williamson, W.V., to Zane and Alva (Vinson) Smith. Her mother survives in Nolan, W.V.

She married Dallas Preston Hicks Sr. in Lebanon, Va., on May 23, 1955. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1995.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Donna Hicks of Brimfield and Dallas Hicks Jr. and Lisa Hicks of Garrett; three daughters and one son-in-law, Alva and Darin Metzger of Kendallville, Girley Burtz and her fiancé, Terry Baumgartner, both of Fort Wayne and Clara Schlabach of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren, Teah Laymon, Zack Laymon and Jake Laymon, Amber Hicks, Tiffany Hicks, Dallas Hicks III, Ashley Metzger, Chelsey Metzger and Matthew Schlabach; five step-grandchildren, Robert Weber, Matt Weber, Rebecca Weber, Jason Ice and Jesse Ice; one great-grandson, Anthony Jason Laymon; and two brothers, Bob Smith and Boone Smith, both of Nolan, W.V.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield, with Pastor Danny K. Saylor officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. at the church. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Kester

ALBION — Robert A. Kester, 86, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3:06 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mr. Kester owned Bob's Barber Shop in Fort Wayne for 23 years. He also owned a Chevrolet dealership at Albion from 1949-1957. He had lived in Albion since 1949, when he moved from the Hamilton-Butler area.

He was World War II veteran, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater as a U.S. Army staff sergeant.

He was born Aug. 4, 1915, in Butler to Arthur and Harriet (Crouse) Kester.

On June 3, 1939, in Angola, he married Ruth E. Maxton. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Richard Bolanowski of Elgin, Ill., and Emily and Leslie Weber of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Rob and Chris Weber; and four great-grandchildren, Sean, Abigale, Calvin and Riley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Estel Kester; and one sister, Doris Edwards.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home at Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury Methodist Church in Albion.

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Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Herbert L. Kramer**, 63, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

CHURUBUSCO — **Donald F. Swoverland**, 87, died Sunday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Cloyde P. Fry**, 82, died Saturday at home. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Calling 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **John C. Knight Sr.**, 86, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling also 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **M. Barbara Kreiss**, 91, died Sunday at Greencroft Terraces in Goshen. Services 3 p.m. Wednesday at Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling also 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen.

FORT WAYNE — **Glenn A. Oyer**, 68, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Harvester Avenue Missionary Church. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Ricardo Villalon**, 50, died Saturday in Victoria, Texas. Service arrangements are pending at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

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Henry Zimmerman

GARRETT — Henry C. Zimmerman, 76, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, in Kendallville Manor at Kendallville.

Mr. Zimmerman was a machine operator for Zollner Corp. for 39 years, retiring in 1990. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He lived most of his life in Garrett and attended the Garrett Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the Zollner Quarter Century Club.

He was born July 24, 1925, in Fort Wayne.

He married his wife, Marna, on Feb. 12, 1977, in the Garrett Church of the Nazarene, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bruce Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kay Bishop of LaOtto and Christina Craig of Auburn; and eight grandchildren, Taylor P. Bolen, Jason, Zachary, Kimberly, Earline and Tiffany Zimmerman, and Keanu and Alex Craig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Olivia Myers; his stepfather, Arthur Everett; one sister, Donna Grabill; and one brother, Harold Yarde.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Olis Johnson

PLEASANT LAKE — Olis V. Johnson, 90, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, April 6, 2002, at 9:20 p.m. in his daughter's home.

Mr. Johnson was a retired auto mechanic and lived in Pleasant Lake.

He was born June 25, 1911, in Butler to William and Dora (Gentry) Johnson.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Bruce McCoy of Pleasant Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Phyllis Johnson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Kim Johnson, Dan McCoy, Cheri Bandt, Tyraunis Johnson, David Johnson, Victoria Leatherman and Ruth Upple; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tyraunis Johnson, and a sister, Audrey Brown.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with Father David Carkenord officiating. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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WOLCOTTVILLE — **James Eugene Small**, 65, died Sunday at home. Graveside services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. No calling.

ROME CITY — **Hargus E. Mullins**, 57, died Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Calling 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church, with an evening service beginning at 7 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ross A. Unverzagt**, 18, died Saturday from injuries sustained in a Thursday auto accident. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Herbert L. Kramer**, 63, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

SILVER LAKE — **Edith Ryan**, 91, died Monday at Community Care Center in Wabash. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Center United Methodist Church in Silver Lake. Calling 10 a.m. to noon Thursday

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Louise Conrad** died Saturday in Tennessee. Graveside services 10 a.m. Saturday at Powers Cemetery in Angola. No local calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Dena H. Berning**, 90, died Sunday at Woodview Health Care Center. Graveside services 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Bertha M. Fulk**, 93, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Mass of Christian burial 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter Catholic Church, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling also 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today, with rosary service at 2:30 p.m., at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **George Ray Girardot**, 80, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mass of Christian burial 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. VFW calling 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven M. McVay**, 40, died Saturday at home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Peru, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Christopher Ryan Moga** was stillborn Saturday at Dupont Hospital. Graveside services 10 a.m. Friday at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

FORT WAYNE — **Oliver Samuel Joseph Morgan**, infant, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Graveside services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

FORT WAYNE — **James D. "Sonny" Thompson**, 73, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

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Alice Lautzenhiser

WATERLOO — Alice Miller Lautzenhiser, 80, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at 4:30 a.m. after a long illness.

Mrs. Lautzenhiser retired as a librarian for Eckhart Public Library in Auburn. She was a founder of the Magnolia Library Association in Magnolia, Mass., acting as director of activities and developing creative activities for youth and adults. She taught Sunday School classes for decades and lived in Waterloo. She attended Butler High School and Manchester College.

She was born Oct. 5, 1921, in Butler to Donald and Edna Miller.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Argyle Glen Lautzenhiser; six children, Theodore V. Lautzenhiser of Tulsa, Okla., LeBrun Frye of Asheville, N.C., Renee Morgan-Lautzenhiser of Lancaster, Pa., Shelley Parson of Waterloo, Jan Matthew Lautzenhiser of Milwaukee, Wis., and Frand Peter Lautzenhiser of Collegeville, Pa.; a brother, Earl Miller of Mission, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Louise Boyd of Tulsa, Katherine Propes of San Diego, Calif., Glenn Lautzenhiser of Norman, Okla., Carrie Allen-Frye of Asheville, Jonathan Morgan of the U.S. Army, Geofrrey Morgan of State College, Pa., and Edward, Leeanna and Matthew Lautzenhiser of Collegeville; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley and Christopher Boyd of Tulsa.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, 1492 C.R. 27, Waterloo, with Greg Essex officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 108 N. Main St., Suite 707, South Bend IN 46601.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Nettie Bracey

FORT WAYNE — Nettie Marie Bracey, 86, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bracey was a homemaker. She was a Sunday School teacher at Rogers Heights Christian Church in Big Rapids, Mich., and a member of Kalkaska Church of Christ in Kalkaska, Mich.

She was born in Reed City, Mich. Her husband, Leon Bracey, died in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean M. Bush of Chesapeake, Ohio; a son, Lee Bracey of Angola; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of Christ, on State Road 1 in Leo-Cedarville, with calling after 9 a.m.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, Mich.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home or Golden Years Homestead.

Robert Lichtsinn

SPENCERVILLE — Robert C. Lichtsinn, 77, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Charles Hause

ARNOLD, Mo. — Charles R. Hause, 88, died March 30, 2002, in the Woodlands Nursing Home in Arnold, Mo., of congestive heart failure.

Mr. Hause was a chemical analyst for Wayne Foods Division of Allied Mills, today known as Continental Grain, for 49 years in Fort Wayne, Portsmouth, Va., and Libertyville, Ill. He retired in 1979 and moved to Shawnee, Okla.

He was born on an Oklahoma farm and had memories of the braiding of his hair as an Indian chief in his childhood. He moved to Fort Wayne and graduated as salutatorian of his class at age 15.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Almina K. "Kitty" (Hine) Hause of Arnold; his son, Dr. Steven C. Hause of St. Louis, Mo.; his daughter-in-law, Dr. Kathryn A. Walterscheid of St. Louis; and a brother-in-law, Sheldon Hine of Fort Wayne.

A son, Sheldon K. Hause, preceded him in death.

Burial will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Hine family plot in the Old Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

Memorials are to the History Department Alumni Scholarship Fund at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Lichtsinn

SPENCERVILLE — Robert C. Lichtsinn, 77, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lichtsinn retired in 1981 as a foreman at Dana Corp. and was a World War II veteran. He attended St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

He was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Clara (Denzel) Lichtsinn.

He married Lois M. Amstutz on May 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She died Aug. 13, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy A. Lichtsinn-Fish of South Bend and Nona A. Lichtsinn-Hill of Columbia City; one son, Ned A. Lichtsinn of Spencerville; two brothers, William Lichtsinn and Lawrence Lichtsinn Sr., both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Charlie and Jenny Fish, Michelle Lichtsinn, Melanie Lichtsinn-Clibon, and Nathan and Jason Hill; and two great-grandsons, Devon Fish and Tyler Clibon.

Two sisters, Edith Whitaker and Loretta Hausbach, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park in Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

James 'Finny' Harper

WATERLOO — James F. "Finny" Harper, 63, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harper retired in 2001 from Eaton Corp. in Auburn after 28 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army during peacetime and belonged to American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

A past governor of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, he held the Fellowship Degree of Merit.

He was born Jan. 9, 1939, in Auburn to Lawrence and Naomi (Freeman) Harper. His mother survives in Auburn and his father preceded him in death.

He married Karen Diane Carpenter on Jan. 16, 1965, in Auburn. She died Oct. 4, 1992.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel James Harper of Auburn; one daughter, Kathie Jayne Harper of Waterloo; two brothers, Robert Harper of Hudson and Michael Harper of Thornton, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Jason and Marissa Harper.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Moose memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Traster

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — Robert R. "Buck" Traster, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at Ocean View Nursing Home in New Smyrna Beach.

He was a teacher and athletic director at North Side High School, retiring in 1975.

He was born in Syracuse.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis B. Traster; a niece, Gloria Traster Reddin of Garrett; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Private memorial services will be held in New Smyrna Beach.

Edith Baer

CELINA, Ohio — Edith M. Baer, 95, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Laurels of Shane Hill in Rockford, Ohio.

Born in Spencerville, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are four daughters, Margaret Grunden of Montezuma, Ohio, LaDonna Preston of Mendon, Ohio, Lois Spohn of Albany, Ga., and Myrna Wolfe of Neptune, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gale Baer, who died in 1998; and two sons, Vernon Baer and Leonard Baer.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Lehman Funeral Home in Celina. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery in Middle Point, Ohio.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Thursday.

Memorials are to Celina Mount Zion United Methodist Church or Mercer County Council on Aging.

LaMar Gramling

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — LaMar R. Gramling, 50, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at his home in Hicksville.

Mr. Gramling worked at Dietrich Industries in Hicksville.

He was born July 6, 1951, in Garrett to Ross and Violet (Gettz) Gramling. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Joel Gramling of Pleasant Lake, and Chad and Jennifer Gramling of Auburn; two brothers, Craig Gramling and Kevin Gramling, both of Auburn; and two sisters, LaDonna Farrington of Ashley and Carma Gaier of Auburn.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Ashley United Methodist Church with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Hilda O'Dier Strouse**, 95, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Mary E. McClellan**, 99, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Merriam Christian Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

KENDALLVILLE — **Katherine "Kate" Koehn Bradbury**, 100, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville. Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Carl R. Breman**, 76, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Garfield Bryant Sr.**, 95, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services noon Friday at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ellen J. Butler**, 71, died March 20 in Belle, Mo. Services were in Missouri.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosella Cahill**, 95, died Monday at Kingston Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith Baptist Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Reese**, 63, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Carmichael Funeral Service, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruby Kathryn Zimmerman Richey**, 86, died Sunday in Spring Arbor, Mich. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ricardo Villalon**, 50, died Saturday in Victoria, Texas. Memorial mass 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the family residence.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy A. Lewis Weiss**, 80, died Saturday at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Ill. Private services will be held.

FORT WAYNE — **C. Richard Wert**, 70, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Donna J. Westerfield**, 72, died Tuesday at home. Memorial services 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

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Russell Scheurich

GARRETT — Russell M. Scheurich, 77, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He worked all of his life in Garrett as a farmer and excavator. He also worked for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools as a maintenance man and bus driver.

He graduated from Avilla High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended Aberdeen Diesel Mechanic Training.

He was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Avilla to Kenneth K. and Gladys A. (McCoy) Scheurich. He married Anna L. Woodcox on June 21, 1947, at Garrett United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leila L. Marks of Fort Wayne and Val M. and Brian Black of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Merritt G. and Janet Scheurich of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Nathan and Anthony Scheurich, Amanda Begue and Corrin Borns, all of Garrett, Kristi Snyder of South Whitley, Chad Marks of Fort Wayne and Kyle and Angela Black, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Rachelle and Brock Snyder of South Whitley; three sisters, Alene Cramer of Kendallville and Marcella Duguid and Evelyn Steward, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard Allen Marks; a brother, Maynard Scheurich; and two sisters, Marian Scheurich and Veda Stout.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Garrett American Legion Post 178 will perform military graveside services.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Cancer Society, DeKalb County Hospice or the Gideons.

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TOCSIN — **Betty D. McAfee**, 81, died Wednesday at home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.

HUNTINGTON — **Ruby F. Gentis**, 88, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Daniel D. Bryant**, 3 months old, died Wednesday at home. Private services will be held.

FORT WAYNE — **Logan M. Fox**, an infant, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 2 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

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FORT WAYNE — **Elena P. Lazoff**, 99, died Monday at Renaissance Village. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Eastern Orthodox Church, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling also 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with Trisagion services at 8:30 p.m.

GLENDORA, Calif. — **Paul John Fox**, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Glendora. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Mortuary in Glendora. Mass 6 p.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — **Linda Lynch**, 53, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at Bromenn Hospital in Bloomington. Services 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Turner A.M.E. Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service.

FORT WAYNE — Ronald M. Malone, 68, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Herbert J. McCowan**, 74, died Saturday at Hospice Home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Turner A.M.E. Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Larry W. Repine**, 68, died Wednesday at home. Memorial services 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour prior.

FORT WAYNE — **Malinde Scheumann**, 81, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Scripture Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul T. Reinkensmeier**, 84, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude L. Steinbauer**, 95, died Monday at Lutheran Home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran home Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Bessie L. Miller Turner**, 87, died Monday at Heritage Park Nursing Home. Services 1:30 p.m. Friday at Pape Funeral Home in Danville, Ill., with calling one hour prior to services.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2002

Wilbur Silvers

FORT WAYNE — Wilbur H. Silvers, 79, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He worked for Holsum Bakery, retiring in 1984.

He was born in Allen County.

Surviving are his wife, Mary L. Silvers; three sons, Bruce A., Dale L. and Terry L. Silvers, all of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Bruce A. Silvers Jr. of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard Silvers of Huntertown; two sisters, Arlene Johnson of Auburn and Marceal Pender of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Jackson

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert D. Jackson, 70, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, in his home at Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Jackson owned and operated Jackson & Co. of Pleasant Lake. He was a farmer and distributor of fuel oil and gasoline. He was a lifetime resident of Pleasant Lake and a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. He was an honorary member of the Hamilton Lions Club.

He was born June 4, 1931, in Pleasant Lake to Carl D. and Juanita (Royal) Jackson.

He married Margaret "Peg" Harris on July 28, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John C. Jackson of Pleasant Lake; one daughter, Kate Jackson of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Jacinta Krohn of Woodburn; and three grandchildren, Lisa, Christine and Mitchell Jackson.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N C.R. 200 W., Angola.

Arthur Yeary

CLEARSPRING, Ind. — Arthur "Art" Yeary, 93, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at 12:02 a.m. in Hoosier Christian Village in Brownstown.

Mr. Yeary was retired from Swain Industries in Seymour and had grown tobacco and strawberries.

He was born Dec. 2, 1908, in Lee County, Va., to Carl and Josie (Young) Yeary.

He married Doris Clampitt in 1968. She died in August 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Eula and Calvin Mansfield of Butler, Roxie and George Reynolds of Brownstown, and Jeannette Sitterding of Brownstown; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Pat Yeary of Freetown, Ind.; two brothers, Paul Yeary of Kentucky and Conley Yeary of Virginia; an ex-wife, Mary Collins; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ted Yeary; an ex-wife, Mary Collins; two grandchildren, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Spurgeon Funeral Home, Brownstown, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. M.L. Walls will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Lawrence County.

Additional calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hoosier Christian Village Auxiliary.

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Area Deaths

BRIGHTON, Mich. — **K. Stanley Poynter**, 66, died Monday at home. Services 1 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. No calling.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — **Wade Michael Pennington**, 38, died Thursday in Kansas City. Services were held in Missouri.

FORT WAYNE — **JoAnne A. Wiltshire**, 78, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 5 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Carl L. Breman**, 56, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held at a later date. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **John C. Cato Sr.**, 77, died Wednesday at Lutheran Home. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, with calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie M. Hall**, 92, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Private family services will be held.

ANDERSON — **Vera R. Eastburn House**, 76, died Wednesday at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Services were held at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home North Chapel in Anderson.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen S. Joss**, 94, died Monday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation. Mass of Christian Burial 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gladys M. Orr**, 94, died Thursday at Towne House Retirement Center. Services 3 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Howard N. Powellson**, 91, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Harmon Gradeless

ALMOND, Wis. — Harmon Willard Gradeless, 73, formerly of Pierceton, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.

He was a farmer in Indiana and operated the North Manchester Sinclair Station and the Winona Lake Texaco Station. He also farmed in Wisconsin, in addition to working construction at Waupaca Foundries in Waupaca, Wis., and at Steel King in Stevens Point, Wis.

He was born in Huntington County.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Gradeless; three sons, Rex L. Gradeless of Auburn, Dr. Donald E. Gradeless of Brookfield, Wis., and Steven W. Gradeless of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; a sister, Elizabeth Leach of North Manchester; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Almond Methodist Church in Almond, Wis. Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 7 p.m. today.

Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca is in charge of arrangements.

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KIMMELL — **John W. Turner**, 60, died Thursday at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

ALAMO, Texas — **Gail Hyndman Gaff**, 82, died April 3 at home. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Memorial Funeral Home in San Juan, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

NEW HAVEN — **Viola Benton**, 86, died Wednesday at Harborside Healthcare. No services or calling.

WOLF LAKE — **Glenn M. Kilgore**, 86, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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Judith Hartley

ANGOLA — Judith F. Hartley, 65, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1997 as owner and operator of Silver Lake Mobile Home and R.V. Park in Angola. She was born in Kokomo.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Hartley; three sons, Jeff Hartley of Carmel, Douglas Hartley of Fremont and Scott Hartley of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Nolan Lewis

GARRETT — Nolan M. Lewis, 91, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at 7:50 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Lewis was a machinist for 11 years at American Hoist & Derrick. He was member of Broadway Christian Church.

He was born Jan. 27, 1911, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Charles M. and Ethel (Dinger) Lewis.

His first wife, Betty Jane Lewis, died in 1964. His second wife, Marie Coby Lewis, died in 1999.

Surviving are one son, Michael Lewis of Garrett; two sisters, Marvine Murley of Garrett and Carolyn McClure of Crooked Lake, Angola; one brother, Charles Lewis of Garrett; one stepson, Wayne Gibson of Toledo, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Mike, Rachelle, Chad and Bryan.

One sister, Wanda Smeed, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Pastor Ben Bouwers will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church.

Robert Jackson

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert D. Jackson, 70, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, in his home at Pleasant Lake.

Jackson

Mr. Jackson owned and operated Jackson Co. of Pleasant Lake. He was a farmer and distributor of fuel oil and gasoline. He was a lifetime resident of Pleasant Lake and a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. He was an honorary member of the Hamilton Lions Club.

He was born June 4, 1931, in Pleasant Lake to Carl D. and Juanita (Royal) Jackson.

He married Margaret "Peg" Harris on July 28, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John C. Jackson of Pleasant Lake; one daughter, Kate Jackson of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Jacinta Krohn of Woodburn; and three grandchildren, Lisa, Christine and Mitchell Jackson.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling took place Friday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N C.R. 200 W., Angola.

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FORT WAYNE — **Beverly A. Squires**, 44, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Yoder. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Belle Stults Spillers Jackson**, 74, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services are 6 p.m. Monday at Lighthouse Free Methodist Church, with calling 5-6 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Walter Edward Guenin Sr.**, 81, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Bud Hamilton Jr.

CORUNNA — Bud K. Hamilton Jr., 47, died suddenly Friday, April 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a supervisor at Foley Foundry, Auburn. He had lived in the area for 25 years, coming from McDowell, Ky.

He was born Nov. 20, 1954, in Martin, Ky., to Bud K. Hamilton Sr. and Eva Jean (Lawson) Hamilton, both of whom preceded him in death. On May 30, 1978, in Albion he married Shelia Sparkman, who survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are five sons, Brian G. Hamilton of McDowell and Craig S. D., Kevin D., Derrick S. and Kyle D. Hamilton, all of Corunna; three brothers, Jerry Hamilton of Rome City, Raymond Hamilton of Corunna and Jackie Hamilton of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Ava Hamilton of Waterloo, Melissa Booth of Kendallville and Linda Collins of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Mikayla P. and Hannah B. Hamilton.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh, with the Revs. Denny Sparkman and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Monday at the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Beverly Summers

AUBURN — Beverly June Summers, 74, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare, Auburn.

A homemaker, she had lived in Auburn 44 years. She was a member of Auburn Church of Christ.

Mrs. Summers

She was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Benton County to Earnie and Bertha (Zolman) Cripe. On Oct. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne she married Charles Summers, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary L. Carlin and Carla L. Beerbower, both of Garrett; a son, Chuck H. Summers of Garrett; three brothers, Robert Cripe of Auburn, Delbert Cripe of Columbia City and Alfred Cripe of Mulberry, Fla.; two sisters, Opal Johnston of Churubusco and Lucille Dodd of Constantine, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco, with minister John Scott officiating.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Anna Kestner

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Anna Kestner, 79, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at the Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

She was a dairy farmer and homemaker and a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Fremont.

She was born July 26, 1922, in Barkhousen, Germany, to Henry and Gesina (Damman) Koehnke. On Sept. 21, 1940, in Ohio she married Lawrence H. Kestner, who preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and William Orris of Coldwater, Joanne and Roland Finely of Quincy, Mich., and Deborah and LaRay Vanderpool of Montgomery, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Donna Kestner of Allen, Mich., and Rick and Debra Kestner of Saginaw, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Gertrude Kurtz and Irene Cordes, both of Napoleon, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Mike Orris, Denise MacArthur, David and Tim Finley, Ken, Kathy, Shawn and Dustin Kestner and Adam and Jamie Vanderpool; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be at California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is 2-8 Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the church.

James Souder

AUBURN — James N. Souder, 82, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce, Mich.

He was a machine operator for Warner Gear, Auburn, who retired in 1975 after 34 years. He was a member of the Ashley-Waterloo Masonic Lodge.

He was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Waterloo to Thomas and Ola (Hassett) Souder. On June 7, 1957, he married Mabel Bartels, who preceded him in death Nov. 17, 1999.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Albert Souder.

Surviving are a son, James A. Souder of Garrett; a daughter, Barbara Workman of Oceanside, Calif.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and his companion, Margerite Hassett of Waterford, Mich.

Private graveside services are Thursday morning at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Pauline Funk

OSSIAN — Pauline C. Funk, 92, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton.

The Stringtown native had worked for Wolf & Dessauer and Sears Roebuck & Co. as a salesperson. She was a member of Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton.

Surviving are a daughter, Juanita J. Boyd of Ossian; a son, Rodger H. Funk of Angola; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Funk.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 1-5 p.m. today and one hour before services

Memorials are to the Hope Missionary Church, Fairview Missionary Church in Angola or Family Hospice of Berne.

Phyllis Koch

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Koch, 77, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne native was a registered nurse who had worked at Three Rivers Area Hospital, Three Rivers, Mich. She graduated from Methodist School of Nursing, Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Marianne Lile of Fort Wayne and Suzanne Cook of Ballwin, Mo.; a sister, Millie Holmes of Angola; a brother, Stanley Smith of Elkhart; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane L. Koch.

Services are 2 p.m. today at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church, Cancer Services of Fort Wayne or Shrine Hospital for Children.

Arrangements are by Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

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Ola Sheets

DECATUR — Ola B. Sheets, 80, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Waterloo, she worked for General Electric for 42 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Butcher and Becky Cochran, both of Decatur; two brothers, Marvin T. Kistler of Portland and the Rev. Norman S. Kistler of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Esther Morgan of Decatur and Nina Wittwer of Berne; three grandchildren and a step-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Sheets, who died in 1986.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church or St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Robert Wright

ORLAND — Robert W. Wright, 84, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in his home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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FORT WAYNE — **Deanna L. Cooper Breese**, 33, died Sunday at home. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Calling one hour prior to services and 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria.

FORT WAYNE — **Phyllis E. Ewing**, 89, died Saturday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Sophie Naumcheff Hack**, 78, died Friday at the Stannes Home. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, with calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ratko G. Vranjes**, 84, died Saturday at Van Wert County Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

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Kathryn Vanderbosch

GARRETT — Kathryn "Kate" R. VanDerbosch, 79, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 9:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor of Garrett.

Mrs. Vanderbosch was a lifelong area resident, living in Garrett until moving to Auburn six years ago.

Mrs. VanDerbosch

She a homemaker and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. She belonged to the Garrett post of the American Legion and Tri Kappa Sorority. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Garrett to Frederick D. and Alta A. (Rider) Miller.

She married Philip R. VanDerbosch on Jan. 18, 1947, in Garrett. He died in March 1999.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Judy of Cleveland, Philip L. and Lola of Auburn, David and Tonya of Garrett and Tim and Janice of Las Vegas; a daughter and son-in-law , Lori and Bayani delos Reyes of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Wanetta Cook, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. Father Charles Herman will officiate.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, following a rosary service at 5:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted at a later date by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorials are to the Garrett Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.com.

Jack Bussing

ANGOLA — Jack A. Bussing, 64, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, in his Angola home.

Mr. Bussing was a mechanic and heavy equipment operator for King Enterprise. He was a social member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 18, 1937, in Coldwater, Mich., to Wade and Helen (Johnson) Bussing.

He married Rosalee Ford on April 14, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Teresa Bussing of Garrett, Donald and Cindy Bussing of Angola, Tony and Diana Ford of Destin, Fla., and Ryan Bussing of Angola; four sisters, Rita Doty of Eaton Rapids, Mich., Eva Stempion and Ruth Gangaway, both of Coldwater, and Janet Moore of Jonesville, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Kristine; two sons, David and Earl; two grandsons, Joshua and Thomas; one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with John Garrison officiating. Burial will be in Sorter Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

Apr 16 - 2002

CHURUBUSCO — **Jay W. Ziegler**, 88, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

GENEVA — **Fannie E. Zook**, 44, died Sunday at home. Services 9 a.m. Wednesday at the residence. Calling 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the residence.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Lillian F. Blanton**, 76, formerly of Brimfield, died Thursday at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Peggy D. Fudge**, 62, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

LIMA, Ohio — **Thomas E. Pentenburg**, 70, died Sunday at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Indiana time Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Lima. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. EDT today and 2 to 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday at Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home in Lima.

Olga Taylor

WATERLOO — Olga Taylor, 81, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at 12:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and had attended Purdue University and Warner Beauty College. She lived in rural Waterloo and was a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist church and its United Methodist Women, the Grange, Ashley Order of Eastern Star and the Never Idle Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born May 1, 1920, in rural Ashley to John and Effie (Hamman) Reinoehl.

She is survived by her husband, Roscoe C. Taylor; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Dennis and Susan Taylor of Waterloo, and Robert Taylor of Chicago; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Gary Wehr of Frankfort, and Nancy and Gary Moore of Anderson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Marjorie Reinoehl of Angola, and Paul and Jean Reinoehl of Ashley; a half-brother and his wife, Harold and Hilda Reinoehl of Ashley; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Parr, and two half-brothers, Henry and Willis Reinoehl.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Davin Suter officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Robert Wright

ORLAND — Robert W. Wright, 84, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in his Orland home.

Mr. Wright worked at Bowser in Fort Wayne for 20 years and at Stanadyne in Garrett for 15 years. He was a 1935 graduate of Salem Center High School.

A resident of Helmer for most of his life, he moved to Wall Lake in 1986. He spent winters in Florida.

He was born April 15, 1917, in Helmer to Ora and Cora (Freed) Wright.

He married Lois M. Stackhouse on May 3, 1941, in Salem Center. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, C.W. and Brenda Wright of Equality, Ala.; one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Don Gunn of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and many Stackhouse nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with Father Skip Carsten officiating.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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ANGOLA — **James O. Ervin Jr.**, 68, died Sunday, March 24. Graveside memorial services Saturday at 1 p.m. in Fremont Cemetery. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **Charlotte Rosella Sherman**, 86, died Monday. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

LAOTTO — **Paul D. Gienger**, 77, died Monday at home. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Grace Virginia (Schrock) Yoder**, 83, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

MIDDLEBURY — **Anna Julia Miller**, 90, died Monday in Middlebury. Services 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred Boger**, 76, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice Boone**, 97, died Friday in New York. Memorial services 1 p.m. Saturday at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Christine L. Clark**, 34, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home in Rochester. Calling one hour prior to services and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Davis**, 91, died Friday at Life Care Center. Services were held at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Tharin James Dunson**, 38, died April 7 in Dallas. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert R. Gibson**, 46, died Tuesday. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Gill**, 75, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie Elizabeth Buckmaster Snead**, 78, died Monday in Alabama. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Lorena C. Walter**, 88, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris J. Whitacre**, 81, died Monday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services noon Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosalie "Red" M. Young**, 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Private services at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Atlee Schwartz

BERNE — Atlee M. Schwartz, 67, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at home.

He was born in Stark County, Ohio, and worked as a carpenter.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine K. Schwartz; his mother, Mary Schwartz of rural Berne; two sons, Jacob A. Schwartz of Monroe and Atlee A. Schwartz of Berne; three daughters, Sylvia Wickey of Spencerville, Ruth Wickey of Vevay and Barbara Schwartz of Geneva; and 34 grandchildren.

Also surviving are 10 brothers, Menno M., Raymond M., Nathaniel and Lee M. Schwartz, all of Geneva, Jacob X., Reuben M., William M. and Jonas M. Schwartz, all of Berne, Enos M. Schwartz of Spencerville and Joe M. Schwartz of Monroe; and seven sisters, Lizzie Neuenschwander of Centerville, Mich., Lucy Zehr of Grabill, Edith Eicher of Berne, Katie Schwartz of Monroe, Martha Schmidt of Salem and Mary Ann Schwartz and Rose Hilty, both of Geneva.

Services are 9 a.m. Friday at the family residence in Berne. Burial will be in Amish Bluecreek Cemetery in rural Berne.

Calling is noon to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the family residence.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cedarville Community Church in Leo-Cedarville.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2002

Mary Rectenwall

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Ellen Rectenwall, 85, died Monday evening, April 15, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Rectenwall worked for General Electric Co. for 42 years and was a member of the El Par and Elex clubs.

She was born Feb. 1, 1917, in Rockport, Ohio, to Walter Henry Stewart and Hannah Ellen (Van Meter) Stewart.

She married Warren Butler Rectenwall in 1955 in Indianapolis. He died Dec. 3, 2001.

Surviving are four sisters, Dorothy Markle and Connie Miles, both of Spencerville, Anne Miller of Terrell, N.C., and Gladys Akey of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rex Butler Rectenwall; three sisters, Edith Onstott, Cora Clark and Audra Michael; and two brothers, Walter Stewart and James Stewart.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville, with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery of Spencerville.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ, 507 Jefferson St., St. Joe IN 46785.

Larry Kennell 18-4-2002

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Larry Charles Kennell, 61, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Mercy Medical Center.

He was born in Logansport and retired from ABF.

Surviving are his wife, Christina; a daughter, Julieanne Tullis of Greenwood; a son, John Kennell of Denver; two sisters, Marcelyn Hinkle of Auburn and Jayne Mayhill of Lafayette; and a grandchild.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Deer Creek Presbyterian Church in Deer Creek, Ohio. Burial will be in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Calling is two hours prior to services and 2 to 6 p.m. (Indiana time) today at Littleton & Rue Funeral Home in Springfield.

Memorials are to Taylor Nicole Tullis Liver Transplant Fund at Keybank in Springfield.

Eugene Whittecar

LAGRANGE — Eugene "E.J." J. Whittecar, 78, died Sunday at home.

He worked as a brakeman for Conrail, retiring after 43 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Whittecar of Columbia City; two daughters, Freda Harmeyer of Fort Wayne and Christine Lonis of Roanoke; a son, Mark Whittecar of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shirley Emenhiser of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven G. Whittecar, who died in 2000.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday int D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange. The U.S. Navy will perform graveside military rites.

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Paul Gienger

LAOTTO — Paul D. Gienger, 77, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at home in rural LaOtto.

Mr. Gienger worked most of his life as a dairy farmer in LaGrange County. He also worked as a Realtor for many years.

He was a 50-year member of F.&A.M. Avilla Lodge 460, York Rite Orders, and a member of the William Hacker Chapter 63, R.A.M. of Auburn, DeKalb Council 57 R.&S.M. in Auburn, Apollo Commandery 19 K.T. of Garrett and Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne. He was also a 50-year member of Farm Bureau, and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

As a member of the Purdue Collegiate Dairy Judging Team, he placed third in the North American Collegiate Judging Contest. He was a certified judge of all dairy breeds and was co-coach of first place teams in the 4-H and FFA dairy judging contest at the 1949 All-American Jersey Expo.

He was born July 25, 1924, in Garrett to Walter and Edna (Christlieb) Gienger. He graduated in 1942 from Avilla High School and attended Indiana University/Purdue University Extension, majoring in dairy production.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jane Gienger of Upton, Mass.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julia Gienger of Yokohama, Japan, and Laura and Rusty Carteaux of Avilla; a sister, Jenny Miller of LaGrange; a brother, H. Wayne Conkle of Auburn; five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Gienger.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Masonic Lodge services by Avilla Lodge 460 will begin at 7 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Eugene Tyler

WOOSTER, Ohio — Eugene H. Tyler, 83, died Friday morning, April 12, 2002, at his home in Wooster.

Mr. Tyler was born March 31, 1919, in Massillon, Ohio, to Eugene J. and Marie C. (Kelley) Tyler.

He married Dorothy R. Buchholz on June 28, 1939, and she survives.

Also surviving are five children and their spouses, Patrick L. and Suzie Tyler of Hamilton, Ind., Eugene P. and Linda Tyler of Canton, Ohio, Margaret A. and Steve Durkin of North Canton, Ohio, Barbara A. and Don Baker of Wadsworth and Mary and Tim Zuercher of Wooster; three brothers, James Tyler of Wooster and Henry and Dale Tyler, both of Canton; two sisters, LaVonne Cookson of Canton and Beth Figley of Dover, Del.; an aunt, Katherine (Schuhreimen) Ziesmer of Massillon, Ohio; 21 grandchildren, including Megan Stoy, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Andy Tyler and Grant Tyler; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wooster, with Father Carl A. Uhler as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery.

McIntire, Davis & Greene Funeral Home in Wooster was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice of Wayne County, 2525-A Back Orrville Road, Wooster OH 44691.

Dortha White

FORT WAYNE — Dortha "Ruth" Miser White, 98, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 3:30 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. White worked as a bookkeeper at Old Fort Supply for 30 years, retiring in 1986. She lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church and the France Cleveland Society.

She was born Oct. 13, 1913, in DeKalb County to Bert and Georgia (Conrad) Milks.

She was married to R. Frank Miser, who died in 1955, and Ray White, who died in 1971.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Engle and Barbara Lynn Manges, both of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Byron White of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters, Lucille Fair of Bluffton, Mary Alford of Tallahassee, Fla., and Joanne Spade of Warren; six grandsons, four stepgranddaughters, 13 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, with calling there after noon. The Rev. Fred Hasescke will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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Area Deaths

NAPLES, Fla. — **William Peterson "Bill" Thomson**, 77, died Wednesday, April 10. He owned a home on Lake James at Angola and served as president of the Lake James Association. Private family services will be held.

CHURUBUSCO — **Louise S. Einhorn**, 97, died Sunday at Kingston Residence in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne. A reception in the church's Folsom Room immediately follows services.

SPOKANE, Wash. — **Tim Henning**, 44, died Tuesday in Spokane. Services 7 p.m. Sunday at Churubusco United Methodist Church. A reception at the church immediately follows services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy Gallagher**, 88, died Wednesday at Saint Anne Home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington. Calling 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at McElharney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington.

FORT WAYNE — **Lona B. Gardner**, 84, died Tuesday at Golden Years Homestead. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **James "Jim" A. Jackson**, 55, died Tuesday at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 - 4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Antoinette "Toni" S. Kozerski**, 79, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Victor B. Polk**, 64, died Tuesday at the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Peyton Michael Privett**, 2, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling 9:30 a.m. Friday until services and 1 to 7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ellen Wiegman**, 79, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Dortha "Ruth" Miser White

Fort Wayne – 1913-2002

Dortha "Ruth" Miser White, 88, of Fort Wayne, a retired bookkeeper, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The DeKalb County native retired in 1986 from Old Fort Supply after 30 years of service. She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church and Frances Cleveland Society. Surviving are daughters Elizabeth A. Engle and Barbara L. Manges, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Byron of Findlay, Ohio; sisters Lucille Fair of Bluffton, Mary Alford of Tallahassee, Fla., and Joanne Spade of Warren; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands R. Frank Miser and Ray White. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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Information provided by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., 424-1525.

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Leona Ihrie

FORT WAYNE — Leona M. Ihrie, 91, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Ihrie was a supervisor at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne for 20 years. She was a member of Union Chapel United Brethren Church.

She was born Nov. 19, 1910, in Garrett.

She married Charles Ihrie on Sept. 3, 1931. He died in 1993.

Surviving are one son, David Ihrie of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marilyn Buchheit of Fort Wayne; one brother, Miles Weller of Garrett; three sisters, Kathryn Gilber and Grace Roop, both of Auburn, and Marian Shoudel of Leo; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Floyd Weller, preceded her in death in 1995.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Union Chapel United Brethren Church, 12628 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne IN 46845.

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Leona M. Ihrie

Fort Wayne

Leona M. Ihrie, 91, of Fort Wayne, a member of Union Chapel United Brethren Church, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

The Garrett native had worked at Byron Healthcare Center as a supervisor for 20 years. Surviving is a son, David of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marilyn Buchheit of Fort Wayne; a brother, Miles Weller of Garrett; sisters Kathryn Gilber of Auburn, Marian Shoudel of Leo-Cedarville and Grace Roop of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and a brother. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.

Margaret Baker

FORT WAYNE — Margaret R. Baker, 61, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, retiring after 25 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Drudge of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard S. Odem of Mount Sterling, Ky.; her mother, Margaret Gable of New Haven; three brothers, Oscar H. Odem of New Haven, George Odem of Albion and Michael Odem of Butler; six sisters, Susan Ley and Charlott Odem, both of Fort Wayne, and Karen Haviland, Leota Rhodes, Sally Stienbarger and Velma Rinehart, all of Albion; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, who died in 1987.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Richard Martin

DECATUR — Richard A. Martin, 78, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, at home.

Born in Adams County, he was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, Dr. Neil F. Martin of Niles, Mich.; a daughter, Cheryll Spirer of Monroeville, Pa.; a brother, Robert Martin of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services, 7 to 9 p.m. today and 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. Optimist services are 8:45 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or the Adams County Heart Club.

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Area Deaths

DECATUR — **Eleanor M. Cox**, 77, died Wednesday at 5:22 p.m. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. in Kalehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — **Marsha A. Frame**, 57, died Tuesday at a family member's home in Zanesville. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Zanesville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hillis Funeral Home in Zanesville.

WARREN — **The Rev. Charles E. Elam**, 77, died Thursday at home. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

FORT WAYNE — **Joyce A. Estep**, 66, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling is 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Marcella Hinz Banting**, 91, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services 2 p.m. Monday at McMillen Chapel of First Presbyterian Church. Calling 30 minutes prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Don J. Evans**, 68, died Wednesday. Services 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Shirley Brothers Mortuary, Fishers-Castleton Chapel, Indianapolis. Calling 2 p.m. until services.

LAFAYETTE — **Philip C. Richardson**, 64, died Wednesday at home. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette. Calling one hour prior to services.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — **Royce W. Schwarzwalder**, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Hollywood. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Melvin Burl Potter**, 77, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Star of Bethel Baptist Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. today at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen K. Sievers**, 82, died Thursday at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Mausoleum in Convington Memorial Gardens. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **N. Mary Vulgamott**, 84, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

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William Thomson

LAKES JAMES — William Peterson Thomson, 77, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

Mr. Thomson lived in Naples, Fla., but also resided at Lakes James. Mr. Thomson was very active with the Steuben County Lakes Council and the Lake James Association.

He also was a graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne, Purdue University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Surviving are three daughters, Ann Thomson of Fort Wayne, Martha Aiken of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Nancy Thomson of Denver; and four grandchildren.

Private services will be held. Arrangements are by the National Cremation Society in Fort Myers.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Lakes Council, 207 S. Wayne, Suite B, Angola, IN 46703.

N. Michael Smaltz

AUBURN — N. Michael Smaltz, 59, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Smaltz owned and operated Taylor Rental in Auburn and Kendallville. He was a current member of the DeKalb County Council.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Clara Rose

BUTLER — Clara F. Rose, 103, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 2:20 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a homemaker and domestic. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Defiance, Ohio, and the Florence Lenman Class at the church.

She was born April 27, 1898, in Hancock County, Ohio, to W.D. and Emma J. (Orwick) Farmer.

Surviving are one sister, Neva Lipman of Angola, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Farmer and Bertha Posey, and one brother, Lloyd E. Farmer.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon (Indiana time) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, with calling after 10 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. David Good will officiate. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Tiffin Township, Ohio.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruth Pounds

SYRACUSE — Ruth A. Pounds, 62, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at 5:55 p.m. at her daughter's home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pounds had owned and operated Ruth's Styling Salon in Syracuse, and more recently had operated Kid's Station Consignment Shop. She was a member of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed reading and arranging for special music at her church.

She was born June 15, 1939, in Syracuse to Jay Royal Kline and Mildred (Gilbert) Kline.

She married James A. Pounds on Jan. 12, 1967, in Avilla. He died July 1, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel O. and Marcela Walker of Houston, Texas, and A. Price and Marlys Pounds of LaPorte; two daughters and sons-in-law, Serrena L. and Darrell Hudson of Indianapolis, and Helen M. and Doug Allen of Syracuse; two brothers, Jay Kline of South Bend and David Kline of Syracuse; one sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Donald Swihart of Syracuse; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Syracuse United Pentecostal Church, Harrison and Pearl streets, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. D.L. McKinnies will officiate. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Syracuse United Pentecostal Church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Lucy Bell Sherrill**, 88, died Thursday. Services Monday at 11 a.m. in Micheaux Funeral Home, 1338 Eliza St., with calling after 10 a.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Billiette Busse**, 67, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., with calling after 9 a.m. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeffery A. Daniel**, 42, died Thursday. Services Monday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Lloyd Doehrmann**, 76, died Thursday. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1505 Bethany Lane, with calling after 10 a.m. Calling Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald R. Hetrick**, 83, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Andrew L. Marlock**, 83, died Monday, April 15. Private family services were held. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **Mabel I. Blauvelt**, 78, died Thursday. Memorial services April 27 at 1 p.m. in Jehovah's Witnesses East Congregation Kingdom Hall, 6000 Abbott St. No calling. Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

NEW HAVEN — **Nellie C. Huffman**, 86, died Thursday. Services Monday at 2 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, with calling after noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Gregory D. Evans**, 47, died Thursday. Memorial services Monday at 3 p.m. in Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St., with family receiving friends after the service. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

SYRACUSE — **Tonda Kay Miller Hewitt**, 43, died Friday. Service Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel. Calling today from 2-6 p.m.

N. Michael Smaltz

AUBURN — N. Michael Smaltz, 59, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Smaltz

Mr. Smaltz owned and operated Taylor Rental in Auburn and Kendallville. He was currently serving on the DeKalb County Council.

A Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy, he retired as a captain in 1994. He was a 1966 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He was a Past Master of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F.&A.M., and a member of York Rite William Hacker 55, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Flying Shriners and Hoosier Warbirds. He was past president of Auburn Rotary Club and a life member of the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Smaltz was born Aug. 16, 1942, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Norman and Mary Helen (McClure) Smaltz. His mother survives in Bellville, Ohio, and his father preceded him in death.

He married Mary M. Shook on July 17, 1965, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Dawn Smaltz of Indianapolis, and Benjamin and Shelley Smaltz of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Joel and Betty Smaltz of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Smaltz of Newark, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Smaltz, Megan Olivia Smaltz, Maeghan Nicole Kobylarczyk, Henry Nicholas Smaltz and Jessica Julianna Smaltz.

A brother, Thomas M. Smaltz, and a sister, Sandra Sue Smaltz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with calling there one hour before the services. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn, with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 187 and the Garrett VFW.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 will conduct services Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Shriners Children's Hospital and the New Hope Christian Center.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Max Brown

AUBURN — Max. S. "Tank" Brown, 86, died today, April 22, 2002, at 4:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor atGarrett.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Evelyn Brunkhart

SAUGUS, Calif. — Evelyn Brunkhart, 83, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at her home in rural Saugus, California.

Formerly a resident of DeKalb and Steuben counties, she had worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn and General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. After she moved to California in 1963, she worked as a bus driver and custodian for the Saugus Union School District, Los Angeles County, until her retirement in 1981.

She was born Aug. 3, 1919, in Auburn to Linden E. and Ola M. (Speer) Brunkhart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Lloyd Brunkhart, Don Brunkhart, and Keith Brunkhart, and her sister, Maxine Schimpff.

Surviving are nieces and nephews in Ohio, Arizona, and Illinois.

Condolences may be sent to her friend, Annabelle Dixon, 21543 Gaff Court, Saugus, CA 91350.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Marlene Dantos

WARRENVILLE, Ill. — Marlene Ann Dantos, 69, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, in Orlando, Fla., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Geneva, Ill., to Homer and Helen (Rugman) Heitz.

Surviving her are her husband, William Dantos; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and MIchael Scheffler; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Patricia Dantos; four grandchildren, Lance Cpl. Sean Scheffler of the U.S. Marine Corps, Christian Dantos, Nicole Ann Dantos and Charlotte Marlene Scheffler; two nieces, Jodi Stewart and Jennifer Heitz; and two nephews, Jack A. Heitz Jr. and Jacob Heitz.

A brother, Jack Alan Heitz Sr., preceded her in death.

Williams Woodward Funeral Home of West Chicago, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

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EDON, Ohio — **Thelma L. Varner**, 84, died Saturday. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edon. Calling today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Juanita Marie Amaya**, 68, died Sunday at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Louise E. Miller More**, 82, died Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Blue River Church of the Brethren in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

AKRON — **Clyde "Ervin" Avery**, 58, died Saturday in Rochester. Graveside services 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Bourbon.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — **June M. Haskins**, 79, formerly of LaGrange, died Saturday at home. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Nellie June Mathieu**, 75, died Sunday at The Oaks of Columbia City. Services pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas William Adams**, 54, died Saturday at home. Services 5 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marie H. Hatch**, 79, died Saturday at Woodview Nursing Home. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Earl E. Norris**, 86, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

Thelma L. Varner

Edon, Ohio – 1917-2002

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Thelma L. Varner, 84, of Edon, Ohio, a member of Edon United Methodist Church, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Community Hospitals of Williams County.

"She was devoted to her family, church, community and friends." The Hamilton native was a Sunday school teacher and coordinated church dinners. She also managed the family farm. Surviving are a son, Allen of Terre Haute, Ind.; daughters Clara Willibey of Houston, and Carole Varner of Edon; a brother, Lee Buell of Angola, Ind.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; four brothers; and a sister. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Edon Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

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Information provided by Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, 1-419-298-2329.

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CHURUBUSCO — **Nellie Jeanette "June" Mathieu**, 75, died Sunday at The Oaks in Columbia City. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Forrest "Bud" Richard Frye**, 86, died Monday at The Oaks in Columbia City. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Alan R. van der Smissen**, 50, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Hilda A. Bandor**, 71, died Monday at home. Mass of Christian burial noon Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty L. Baugh**, 75, died Sunday at Sun Rise Assisted Living in Carmel. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Private family calling at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Georgia Rose Borchelt**, 68, died Sunday at Lutheran Home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Josephine "Aunt Jo" Cole-Pruitt**, 90, died Sunday at home. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Graveside services 2 p.m. Saturday at Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth Goodrich McVaugh**, 92, died Saturday at Woodview Health Care Center. Graveside services 10 a.m. Monday at Grovelawn Cemetery in Pendleton. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven Michael Swoverland**, 55, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Private family services will be held. No calling.

Max Brown

AUBURN — Max S. "Tank" Brown, 86, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Brown lived in Auburn and had worked for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Auburn, now known as Cooper Standard Products, for 18 years, retiring in 1978. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1933.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Mizpah Shrine, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club, and Elks Lodge 1978. He was a past member of the board of trustees of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and a past president of the ACD Volunteers.

Mr. Brown also was a past board member of Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge 214, Free and Accepted Masons, in Auburn and a member of the Valley of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Harlan to John C. and Edna M. (Fry) Brown.

He married Betty J. Betts on Aug. 31, 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Timothy J. and Dee Ann Brown of Washington Island, Wis.; one daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Betsy Schenck and Larry Schenck of Denton, Texas; two sisters, Elizabeth Haislip of Auburn and Martha Hunter of Garrett; two grandchildren and their spouses, Amy Christine Brown Crouse and Donald Crouse of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Charles and Kim Schenck of Denton; and one great-grandchild, Katherine Crouse of Cincinnati.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. William Kaster and the Rev. Sidney Short will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Masonic services will be conducted Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Endowment Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Eva Shumaker

AUBURN — Eva B. Shumaker, 78, died Monday, April 22, 2002, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Shumaker was a homemaker and also worked for Garns Co. for 13 years and Messenger Co. in Auburn for seven years. She volunteered for the United Way, Betz Nursing Home and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and lived in Auburn.

She was born May 31, 1923, in Allen County to Rudolph and Leah (Spenler) Beller.

She married Olen K. Reynolds, who died in 1957. She then married Ned Shumaker, who died in 1997.

Surviving her are two sons, Michael E. Reynolds and Richard A. Reynolds, both of Auburn; one stepson, Gary Shumaker of Laguna Hills, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Cheryl Burnett of Elizabeth, Colo.; one sister, Irene Beck of Laguna Hills; one stepsister, Mildred Deitzel of Fort Wayne, seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeff L. Shumaker, in 1999, and three sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frank Beerbower

ST. JOE — Frank D. Beerbower, 93, died Monday morning, April 22, 2002,at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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FREMONT — **Eugene E. "Mac" McCarty**, 76, died Monday. Memorial services at a later date. No calling. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

WOODBURN — **Virgil H. Hirsch**, 76, died Monday at 3:09 p.m. Services Friday at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, Woodburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Calling Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

COSPERVILLE — **Wilda G. Halsey**, 88, of rural Cosperville died Tuesday at home. Graveside services 1 p.m. Friday at Cosperville Cemetery.

KENDALLVILLE — **Florence E. Brown**, 79, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LAFONTAINE — **Destini Ann Rish**, 12 days, died Monday at Wabash County Hospital. Services 11:30 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home Eddingfield Chapel in Wabash. Calling 9 a.m. until services Thursday.

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Eirwen Murray

AUBURN — Eirwen Murray, 80, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 3:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Murray worked as a clerk, retiring in 1988 from the Northeastern Title Co. in Auburn. She was a member of Auburn Business and Professional Women and the Commonwealth Club of Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Manchester, England, to William C. and Margaret Elizabeth Jones.

She married Robert Murray on July 14, 1945. He died Dec. 7, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael B. and Tonya Murray of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Monica and Jim Leicester of Mount Martha Victoria, Australia; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Carl and Nila Murray of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Dustin and Dylan Murray.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Additional calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frank Beerbower

ST. JOE — Frank D. Beerbower, 93, died Tuesday morning, April 23, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Beerbower was a farmer and retired in 1971 as owner and operator of City Market in Auburn. He lived in St. Joe.

He was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Spencerville to Albert and Clara (Donat) Beerbower.

He married Marcille Harper in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Cheri Beerbower of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joy Shuff of Auburn, Renee and Lealon Stoy of Ashley, and Nina and Ramon Chew of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Casey and Kristin Chew, Jason and Somer Anderson, Jenese Brown, Toni Johnson, Michele Wilson, Renee Case, Terry Shuff and Lee and John Stoy; eight great-grandchildren, Jasmine March, Leigha Brown, Morgan Wilson, Danielle Rowland, Carrie Johnson, and Mathew, Catlin and Stephanie Stoy; and one great-great-granddaughter, Taylor Stopher.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, DuWayne Holmes; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Madeleine Carlisle

FORT WAYNE — Madeleine M. Carlisle, 86, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

She worked as a secretary and receptionist at Wayne Pump Co. and Indiana Bank, retiring in 1986.

She was born in Montreal.

Surviving are a daughter, Claudine E. Hadley of Fort Wayne; three sons, Bruce G. Curry of Spencerville, Gilbert Carlisle of Fort Wayne and Richard Carlisle of Montreal; a sister, Laurette Edson of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Curry, and second husband, Lawrence Carlisle.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Fort Wayne Animal Control.

ALBION — **Nancy J. Wallace**, 54, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

HUNTINGTON — **Ruth A. Martin**, 90, died Tuesday at The Towne House in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Willard Wesley Trent**, 64, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 2 p.m. Thursday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Elke M. Bolen**, 55, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

ANDERSON — **William Craig Bevars**, 39, died Thursday at home. Private family services were held at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service in Anderson.

FORT WAYNE — **Elizabeth "France" Niemeyer**, 76, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 30 minutes prior to services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ellen Frankart**, 72, died Saturday at Applewood Rehabilitation Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Frances Scruggs**, 69, died Tuesday at Life Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Greater Progressive Baptist Church. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Providence Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Mina R. Spear**, 87, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Todd Ables

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Todd Weslee Ables, 33, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, in his home at New Port Richey.

Mr. Richey was a self-employed audio-video technician for TNT Audio Video Co. He served in the U.S. Army and was affiliated with the United Methodist Church. He was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and had lived in New Port Richey for 1 1/2 years, moving there from Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Susan R. Ables; two sons, Jesse T. Ables and Jamie M. Ables, both of Fort Wayne; his parents, Phillip and Barbara Ables of Grabill; a brother, David Ables of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Theresa Muncie of Spencerville.

There will be no service or calling. Michels and Lundquist Funeral Home, 5228 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, is in charge of arrangements.

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FREMONT — **Verne Lee Hepp**, 87, died Wednesday. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Eleanor Brown**, 79, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ALBION — **Nancy J. Wallace**, 54, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **John R. Blair**, 75, died Wednesday at home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia "Pat" A. Dunning**, 48, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Madonna J. Kemp**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Memorial services 11 a.m. Friday at First United Church of Christ in Bremen. A luncheon of fellowship follows services.

FORT WAYNE — **John A. "Jack" Keslinke** has died. Services 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Barbara Church in Chicago. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Harry A. Kline Sr.**, 80, died Wednesday at Kingston Care Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Marciel "Mart" H. Mills**, 84, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Eastern Star service 7:30 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Reihold E. Spenn**, 92, died Tuesday in Athens, Ga. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris Stapleton**, 91, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services.

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LAGRANGE — **Ola Fay Kline**, 71, died Thursday at home. Services pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

COSPERVILLE — **Wilda G. Halsey**, 88, died Tuesday at home. Graveside services 1 p.m. today at Cosperville Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Charlotte Uhrick Berger**, 68, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **James A. DeWald**, 95, died Thursday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret S. Flowers**, 92, died Monday at home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy V. Gephart**, 92, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Kenneth Drew

AUBURN — Kenneth I. Drew Sr., 76, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Drew retired in 1983 with 36 years as a heat-treat setup man at Warner Gear, now Auburn Gear. He then worked as a caretaker of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, where he served as an usher and with the church food bank and social concerns committee. He was a third-degree member of Knights of Columbus.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he also was a member of the American Red Cross. He served United Auto Workers Local 825 as secretary-treasurer for retirees.

He was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Waterloo to Vinton O. and Blanche F. (Stultz) Drew.

Surviving are his wife, Rosina E. (D'Alessio); two sons, Kenneth I. Drew Jr. and Michael A. Drew, both of Auburn; two daughters, Cynthia A. Hoffelder of Jensen Beach, Fla., and Ramona F. Drew of Auburn; three sisters, Nancy Stuller and Mavis Ritchie, both of Waterloo, and Catherine Cunningham of Butler; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, William R. Drew and Simeon P. Drew, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. Father Charles Herman and Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

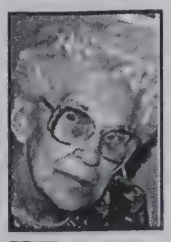
Additional calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A vigil service will be conducted Sunday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@ fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sarah Underwood

GARRETT — Sarah M. Underwood, 103, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at 9:02 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.


Mrs. Underwood

Mrs. Underwood was a housekeeper for Fritz Feick for 10 years and for the Stern family in Garrett. She also worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne and Hubbard Spool of Garrett.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and lived in Butler for seven years.

She was born July 28, 1898, in Garrett to John and Mary (Boldt) Gael.

She married Jesse Lee Underwood, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Peggy Waddle of Kenton, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Janice Swartz of Chillicothe, Ohio; six grandchildren, including Sharon Brown of Auburn; several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, August, Herman and John Gael, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with calling after noon. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Mahoney

ANGOLA — Thomas F. Mahoney, 67, died Thursday, April 24, 2002, at his home on Lake Gage, Angola.

Mr. Mahoney was the former owner of Mahoney Metal Finishing in Kendallville and was a professional salesman for many years, representing several manufacturing companies.

He lived on Lake Gage for 26 years and formerly lived in Indianapolis.

A Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he also was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola and was an Eagle Scout in Indianapolis. He was a third-degree knight in Knights of Columbus Council 7053, which he was instrumental in starting.

He was born Aug. 3, 1934, in Indianapolis to Leo James and Kathryn (Connaughton) Mahoney.

He married Lenore Dufour on June 18, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin T. and Kelly Mahoney of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Amalia "Molly" and Eric McCoy of Indianapolis, and Kate P. Mahoney, also of Indianapolis; two brothers, Leo J. Mahoney of Jensen Beach, Fla., and John T. Mahoney of Lake Gage, Angola; one sister, Mary Mahoney-Forbes of Indianapolis; a grandson expected in May; several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

His parents and his stepfather, Joseph King, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging or Eagle Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America in Indianapolis.

Lawanna Jones

BUTLER — Lawanna Faye Jones, 64, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at 7:05 p.m. at her daughter's home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

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Joseph Henry

26 Apr 2002

FORT WAYNE — Joseph L. Henry, 67, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Henry worked as a pump maker for Tokheim Corp., retiring in 1994 after 29 years. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa; two daughters, Lorie L. and Dianne M. Henry, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Paul J. Henry of Garrett, Charles Henry of Fort Wayne and George Henry of Severn, Md.; a sister, Victoria Ferguson of New Haven; and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Rosary service is 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

L. Faye Jones

27 Apr 2002

BUTLER — L. Faye Jones, 64, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at 7:05 p.m. in her daughter's home in Butler.

She was a restaurant manager for Mallers & Spiro Inc.

She was born Oct. 20, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Cleland F. and Lula Faye (Hale) Farver. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne and her father preceded her in death.

She married William J. Rehm on Dec. 6, 1980, in Fort Wayne. He died March 25, 1981.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Anthony Barboza of Indiana and Craig and Tonya Barboza of Butler; two daughters and one son-in-law, Robin and Danny Helbert of Butler and Tara Jennings of Waterloo; one brother, Rex Farver of Woodburn; two sisters, Brenda Baker of Payson, Ariz., and Shirley Hoeppner of Woodburn; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Edna Joseph

AUBURN — Edna Violet Joseph, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Joseph worked for Magnavox in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 27, 1925, in Fort Wayne to William E. and Margaret E. (Shipman) Baker.

She married Woodrow Wilson Joseph on April 7, 1951. He died in 1999.

Surviving are four daughters and one son-in-law, Carmelita Ann Mack of Deland, Fla., Karen A. Roulston of Auburn, Judith and Mickey B. Sanders of Butler and Rebecca Voirol of Angola; one sister, Ruby Barton of Mount Park, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Buelah Lichtsinn.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate. A committal service will follow at Johnson Lake in Hamilton.

Memorials are to Hospice of North East Indiana.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about services.

Todd Ables

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Memorial services for former Auburn resident Todd Weslee Ables will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, in rural St. Joe.

Mr. Ables, 33, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, in his home in New Port Richey, Fla.

He was a self-employed audio-video technician for TNT Audio Video Co. and had served in the U.S. Army.

He was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and had lived in New Port Richey for 1 1/2 years, moving there from Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Susan R. Ables; two sons, Jesse T. Ables and Jamie M. Ables, both of Fort Wayne; his parents, James Phillip and Barbara Ables of Grabill; a brother, David Ables of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Theresa Muncy of Spencerville.

Michels and Lundquist Funeral Home, 5228 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, is in charge of arrangements.

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Rosco Nester

LAGRANGE — Rosco R. Nester, 63, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at his home on Big Turkey Lake in rural Steuben County.

Mr. Nester was a self-employed carpenter and was a member of Calvary Chapel Fellowship of Stroh.

He was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Carroll County, Va., to John C. and Nina E. Nester.

He married Carol Murk on Nov. 25, 1995, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Paul Nester of Big Turkey Lake; two daughters, Penny Rugg of Salem Center and Jenny Braxton of Anderson; four stepsons, Steven Kaczmarek of Auburn, Frank Kaczmarek of South Bend, David Kaczmarek of Angola and Richard J. Andrews of Rockmart, Ga.; three stepdaughters, Linda Tinker of Littleton, Colo., Cathy Kmiecik of Houston, Texas, and Nancy Lawson of Camden, Mich.; two brothers and two sisters, all in Virginia; 30 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Marie (Brown) Nester on April 28, 1994; and five brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Ada Twigg

KENDALLVILLE — Ada L. (Hardman) Twigg, 87, died early Thursday morning, April 25, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, where she had resided since November 2001.

Mrs. Twigg worked as an inspector for Anchor Hocking Glass Co. in Winchester for 28 years. She lived in Winchester for 25 years, then moved to Tri-Lakes in Columbia City for 28 years. She was a member of the Winchester American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Jay County to Raymond and Goldie (Butcher) Roser.

She was first married to Robert Hardman. She then married Waldo Twigg in September 1963 and he died Nov. 9, 1983.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Sherry Hardman of Elwood; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bette and Jack Stahley of Richmond, Ind., and Barbara and Jesse James of Stroh; one brother, Kermit Roser of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy, in 1993 and two grandsons, Richard and Jimmy.

Private family services will be held, with Pastor Charles Finster officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 1-5 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

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NEW HAVEN — **Esther R. Brames**, 76, died Thursday at home. Prayer services 9:15 a.m. Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, precede Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday with a rosary service at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Carl D. "Butch" Cichocki Sr.**, 60, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 3 p.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, with calling from noon until the services.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles O. Weibel**, 64, dies Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 7 p.m. Sunday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with calling from 3 p.m. until services.

GRABILL — **Anna Irene Lengacher**, 78, died Friday at home. Services 9 a.m. Tuesday at Melvin Lengacher residence, with calling 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both Sunday and Monday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lawrence L. Grant**, 77, died Thursday at VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System. Services 3 p.m. Sunday at Gomez Temple AME Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard E. Suter**, 80, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services and 2-4 p.m. Monday.

NEW HAVEN — **Albert F. Nahrwald**, 82, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, with calling one hour before services and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Mildred Heign

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred J. Heign, 91, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at 6:09 p.m. at the Heritage Assisted Living Center in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Heign was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, the Women of St. John Lutheran Church and the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

She was born in Huntington County on Nov. 26, 1910, to Lewis and Caroline (Mattern) Yentes. She married Homer L. Seng on June 28, 1930, and he preceded her in death on May 5, 1962. She married Paul W. Heign on Nov. 5, 1962, in Elkhart, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 2000.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Caroline and Roland Bercow of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Karl and Jane Seng of Saint Joseph, Mich., and Dan and Linda Seng of Battle Creek, Mich; two step-daughters, Beverly Stonebraker of Kendallville and Nancy Kohlhoff of Valparaiso; one step-son and step-daughter-in-law, William and Pat Heign of Bluffton; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

One step-grandchild and one step-great grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at the church.

Memorials to the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy&hitefuneralhome.co.

Edward Deuitch

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — Edward H. Deuitch, 96, of Jamestown, N.D., a native of Avilla, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at Meritcare Hospital in Fargo, N.D.

He had worked on the railroad in Indiana, as a lumberjack in Minnesota and on a ranch in Wyoming. He enjoyed his family, reading, hunting, fishing, pinochle, traveling and dancing.

Surviving are four daughters, Caroline Lee and Marlene Schielke, both of Jamestown; Sharon Rudnick of La Palma, Calif., and Barbara Brunelle of Argusville; three sons, Donald and John, both of Jamestown, and Robert of Burlington; 22 grandchildre;, 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, sons Edward and Eugene, four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jamestown. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Jamestown.

Calling is Monday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Eddy Funeral Home, Jamestown.

Memorials to Anne Carlsen Center for Children.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Jean Jinks**, 102, died Sunday at Townhouse Health Center. Services pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Francis O. Martin II**, 49, died Saturday at home. Services 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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ORLAND — **Raymond W. Cleveland**, 87, died Saturday at LifeCare Center in LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mildred J. Heign**, 91, died Friday at Heritage Assisted Living Center in Battle Creek, Mich. Services 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Calling two hours prior to services.

GOSHEN — **Marjorie L. McCarthy**, 81, died Saturday at Greencroft Nursing Center. No services or calling.

MIDDLEBURY — **Emma L. Miller**, 100, died Sunday at home. Services 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Alvin Miller residence. Calling after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ethel E. Ziebell**, 94, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Sheckels**, 74, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen Eileen Allen**, 86, died April 20 at Covington Manor Health Care. Private family services were Wednesday at Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **William R. Guillow**, 79, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Calling 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **James A. Hantelman**, 72, died Saturday at home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Aboite United Methodist Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel.

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Carlton Enfield

ANGOLA — Carlton Robert Enfield, 93, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Enfield was a farmer and a timber cutter. He was a member of Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Metz and the Steuben County Farm Bureau. He was an avid fisherman.

He was born Aug. 18, 1908, in Steuben County to William and Bessie (Ransburg) Enfield.

He married Ruby Jack on July 11, 1934. She died Feb. 2, 2002.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bob Bexten of Pioneer, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Sharon Enfield of Hamilton; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, Metz, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church.

Maralene Smith

AUBURN — Maralene D. Smith, 71, formerly of Corunna, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Robert Rathbun

FREMONT — Robert Wayne Rathbun was stillborn Saturday, April 27, 2002, in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Surviving are his parents, Daniel and Amy (Terry) Rathbun of Fremont; and his grandparents, Larry and Sue Rathbun of Fremont, and Rod and Marilyn Terry of Stroh.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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FREMONT — **Rodney Jay Blount**, 45, died Sunday. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Donald D. Von Olnhausen**, 70, died Sunday at Select Specialty Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rosenberg Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alice A. Mooradian**, 90, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville. Services at the Armenian Church of Our Savior in Worcester, Mass.

TOPEKA — **David J. Tibbits Sr.**, 46, died Friday at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen. Services 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Melon, Wis. Calling two hours prior to services at the church. Local calling 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

NEW HAVEN — **Fred J. Savieo**, 75, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **William Abbett**, 63, died April 22 at Life Care Center. Private family services.

JACKSON, Mich. — Leslie J. Bryie, 83, died Saturday at Countryside Care in Jackson. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Edward J. Hall**, 94, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Center. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **John Paul Jancose**, 49, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. No services or calling.

INDIANAPOLIS — **Laura Crow Motahhari**, 85, died Saturday at Forest Creek Village. Services 6 p.m. Friday at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home in Indianapolis. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Janet A. Tinnel**, 65, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Kiaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services.

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Maralene Smith

AUBURN — Maralene D. Smith, 71, formerly of Corunna, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked for 12 years at Essex Wire in Auburn and was a homemaker. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn since 1980, serving as a song leader for 10 years.

Mrs. Smith

She was born Nov. 10, 1930, to an adopted father, John, and her biological mother, Mary Pierson. She married Orley Smith April 3, 1947, in Corunna. Mr. Smith preceded her in death June 22, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a son, Orley R. Smith Jr., who died in 1961.

Surviving are her mother in Quincy, Mich.; four daughters, Cynthia Arnett of Corunna, Kathryn Smith Butler of Waterloo, Sherry E. Smith of Auburn and Kelley J. Likes of Butler; three sons, Matthew D. Smith of Coldwater, Mich., Mark A. Smith of Corunna and Larry K. Smith Sr. of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Kennedy of Huntington.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

David Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — David D. "Scrub" Taylor, 54, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Formerly of Wampum, Pa., Mr. Taylor was a press operator at Tower Automotive and a member of Freewill Baptist Church. He lived in Kendallville since 1993.

He was born July 19, 1947, in Whitesburg, Ky., to Tommy W. and Mattie (Thomas) Taylor. He graduated from Whitesburg High School in 1966. He married Carolyn M. Faber Oct. 3, 1997, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David E. Taylor of Green Springs, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Mark Hill of Attica, Ohio; two stepsons, Todd L. Rizzo of Dunkirk, N.Y., and Chad J. Rizzo of Fredonia, N.Y.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Charles E. Taylor of Auburn and Robert H. Taylor of Wampum; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joella and Darrell Sturgill of Carey, Ohio, Madonna and Don Whipple of Wolcottville and Sharon and Larry Tyree of Tiffin, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Taylor.

Services were April 19 at Turner-Eagle Funeral Home in Tiffin, Ohio. Brother Jim Wyatt officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Charles Buss

BAD AXE, Mich. — Charles O. Buss, 69, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, in his home in Bad Axe, Mich.

Mr. Buss moved to Bad Axe in 1964. He was district manager for Occidental Chemical Co., which served Bad Axe, Elkton, Applegate and Fairgrove. He purchased Ace Hardware in Bad Axe in 1969. He served on the Bad Axe Board of Education.

He was a graduate of Salem Center High School in rural Hudson and Tri-State University at Angola, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., from 1953 to 1955.

Mr. Buss was a member of Bad Axe First Baptist Church, serving as financial secretary for many years. He was a member of the Thumb Area Antiques Auto Club.

He enjoyed his friends and making homemade ice cream for the benefit of Octagon Barn Fall Family Days and other events.

He was born Dec. 16, 1932, in Hudson to Ancile and Lucile (Libey) Buss.

He married Linda Klink on March 11, 1956, in Hudson, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bradley and Ann Buss of Bad Axe, and Patrick and Susan Buss of Oakland, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Michael Chumbler of Harbor Springs, Mich., and Beckie and Eric Miller of Bad Axe; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Brand of Fort Wayne, Catherine and Doyle Schmidt of Angola, and Ruth and Carol Holden of Corunna; one grandon, Eli Charles Buss; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at First Baptist Church in Bad Axe, with calling after 9 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Jay Barsaleau will officiate. Burial will be Colfax Cemetery.

Calling is today from noon-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Memorials are to the church, Bay Area Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Lela Fitzpatrick

HAMILTON — Lela Jean Fitzpatrick, 59, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at 12:22 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn after an illness of one year.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was born July 8, 1942, in Detroit to Clarence and Ruth A. (Shadbolt) Rauth.

She married William P. Fitzpatrick on Aug. 6, 1960, in Hudson, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Neil Hankey of Hudson; one son and daughter-in-law, James J. and Koleen Fitzpatrick of Hamilton; three granddaughters and three grandsons.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Ray Fitzpatrick, and two brothers, Clarence "Corky" Fitzpatrick and an infant.

Services were held today at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Ohio, with Father Frederick Duschl officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Hudson, Mich.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

Maurice Shafer

GARRETT— Maurice E. "Morrie" Shafer, 80, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at 7:44 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Shafer

Mr. Shafer was a bartender at the Garrett Eagles Lodge for 15 years, retiring in 1983, and was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles and Garrett Elks lodges.

He was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Garrett to O.T. and Irene (Weaver) Shafer.

He married Nelda N. Kees on Feb. 15, 1945, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving two sons, Bob Shafer of Garrett and Dave Shafer of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Linda Nance of Auburn and Mary Shafer of Garrett; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, John, Harold and Tom Shafer, and one sister, Mary Catherine Johnson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Jim Shafer will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Additionial calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred M. McComb**, 93, retired owner of D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, died Friday at Towne House Health Center. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph G. Zeilbeck**, 67, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Private family services at a later date. No calling.

Gale Wertman

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Gale L. Wertman, 57, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed contractor and was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Wertman; a daughter, Ann Sullivan of Fort Wayne; a son, Matthew Wertman of Leo-Cedarville; a sister, Barbara Hyre of Spencerville; three brothers, Max Wertman of Leo-Cedarville, Gerry Wertman of Avilla and Roger Wertman of Sturgis, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Harvest Free Will Baptist Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Douglas Reinig

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Douglas V. "Snoopy" Reinig, 67, died April 12, 2002, in Brookhaven, Miss.

Mr. Reinig was a retired truck driver with 37 years of service. He moved to Brookhaven in 1994 from Butler.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of the Macedonian Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

He was born May 27, 1934, in Pleasant Lake to Victor and Catherine (Traxler) Reinig.

He married Carol Steward on July 16, 1955, and she survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Steve, Jim, Gary, Chris and Charles Reinig, all of Indiana, and Robert Reinig of Florida; two daughters,. Vicki Reddig of Auburn and Theresa Day of Wolcottville; three brothers, Al Reinig of Churubusco, Wayne Reinig of Ohio and Thomas Reinig of North Carolina; two sisters, Dorothy Masters of Indianapolis and Margaret Russell of Churubusco; 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One son, Dennis Reinig, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 County Road 64, St. Joe.

A funeral service was held April 15 in Brookhaven Chapel Funeral Home.

Burial was in Macedonian Baptist Church Cemetery in Brookhaven with military honors.

Area Deaths

ST. CLOUD, Fla. — **Veva Evelyn Carney**, 82, formerly of LaGrange, died Sunday. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

MONROE — **Joseph H. Wickey** was stillborn Monday at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur. Graveside services were at Schwartz Cemetery in Monroe.

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia Ann Fell Curtis**, 46, died April 16 in Myrtle Beace, S.C. Memorial services 1 p.m. Saturday at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Earl Goldman**, 63, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Indiana time at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp, Ohio. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — **Estella Price**, 86, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Edmond Clyde Stanford**, 52, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church, with Masonic services at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Verba V. Wyss**, 95, died Tuesday at Saint Anne Home. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, with rosary at 4 p.m.

Peggy L. Rowe Mills

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Peggy L. Rowe Mills, 94, of Auburn, who retired from Rieke after 30 years of service, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She is survived by her daughters, Rose Ellen Shipe and Violet Lepley, both of Ashley; stepdaughters Roselyn Wells of Auburn and Rita Smith of Minnesota; a son, Richard Rowe of Cape Coral, Fla.; a stepson, Rodney of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Allen Rowe, and her second husband, Russell Mills. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Information provided by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, 1-260-587-3733.

Lorraine Fraley

ANGOLA — Lorraine Fraley, 66, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at 2:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Area Deaths

HUNTINGTON — **David Duane West Jr.**, 15, died Friday. Graveside services are noon Friday at Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling is 4 to 6 p.m. today at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Anthony "Bob" Fabish**, 72, died Tuesday at Chowan Hospital in Edenton, N.C. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenton. Calling 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Evan Funeral & Cremations in Edenton.

FORT WAYNE — **Bud L. Sroufe**, 63, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 6 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna M. Warkala**, 84, died Friday at Gnaden Huetten Memorial Hospital in Lehighton, Pa. Services were in Pennsylvania.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeanne B. Urbahns**, 86, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Home in Anderson. Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today.

HOWE — **Laura Oakley**, 99, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

MILLERSBURG — **Raymond L. Stabler**, 82, died Monday at home. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Celeste B. Springer**, 86, died April 25 at her home in Cathedral City, Calif. Services were in Cathedral City.

WARSAW — **Harry Miller Jr.**, 83, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

WINONA LAKE — **Katherine Ann McCool**, 62, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw.

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ALBION — **Billie Joe Feasel**, 76, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services pending at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

FORT WAYNE — **Toni J. Shaffer Kruse**, 55, died Wednesday at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Joyce F. Moyer**, 68, died April 24 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services noon at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gary Dale Rogers**, 46, died April 21. Services noon today at Ellis Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. No calling.

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Max Glass

HURST, Texas — Max E. Glass, 74, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, in a hospital in Hurst, Texas.

Mr. Glass worked as a structural engineer at Bell Helicopter in Hurst for 31 years. He earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Cincinnati and Tri-State College. He served briefly in the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed camping, canoeing and fishing. He helped install the pipe organ at St. Philip Presbyteriar Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He taught himself to play a harpsichord.he assembled himself and played the tenor saxophone. He was a member of the jazz band at Tarrant County College and the Southlake Swing Band.

He constructed a sailboat from plywood and fiberglass and raced it competitively. He taught his children to drive a stick shift in the antique roadster he restored.

Mr. Glass was born March 12, 1928, in Auburn. He married his wife of 50 years, Madelyn, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Cathy Glass; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Kerry Renta; a sister-in-law, Rolla Glass; five grandchildren, Max, Megan, Shelby, Rachel and Hannah; and one niece. Meshele.

Memorial services will be held today at 1 p.m. in St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 745 W. Pipeline St., Hurst.

Memorials are to the pipe organ fund at the church.

Lucas Funeral Home of Hurst is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Buck

FREMONT — Betty Jean (Banker) Buck, 72, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, in her Fremont home.

Mrs. Buck retired in 1977 from Tenneco Automotive in Angola and also worked at ILC in Fremont. She moved to the Fremont area in 1950. She enjoyed gardening, making rag rugs on a loom, and crocheting.

She was born June 6, 1929, in Quincy, Mich., to Stanley and Muriael (Hurrah) Banker. She was the youngest of six children.

She married Leighton O. Buck on Nov. 12, 1949, in Angola and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Hubert A. Buck of Fremont and Ben L. Buck of Butler; two sisters, Phyllis Blowin of Bronson, Mich., and Marie Murray of Fremont; and three grandchildren, Hugh A. Buck and Debra A. Buck, both of Fremont, and Becky L. Buck of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda May; and three brothers, Robert, Richard and Hubert Banker.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46804.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangments.

Edson Fee

FORT WAYNE — Edson R. Fee, 91, formerly of Fort Wayne and Auburn, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Integrated Health Services of Pinellas Park, Fla.

He was vice president of corporate internal auditing at Met Life, retiring in 1975 after 46 years.

He was born in Butler.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Fee; a son, Richard D. Fee of Valrico, Fla.; two daughters, Sharlene J. Copeland of Goshen, Conn., and Nancy R. Theiss of Parkdale, Ore.; a sister, Doris Dorsey of Hicksville, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Jan Huntoon of Aurora, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian M. Fee.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anne Home Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Anne Home or Masses.

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ALBION — **Robert H. Moore**, 84, of Albion, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

TOPEKA — **Mary Aphedene Shell,** 83, of Topeka, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at Topeka Baptist Church, Topeka, with graveside services at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Calumet Park, Crown Point. Calling from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Topeka Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond J. Alter**, 86, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Saint Ann Home Chapel, 1900 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before services. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

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Oscar Baughman

AUBURN — Oscar D. Baughman, 94, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, at Shorehaven Nursing Home in Oconomowoc, Wis.

Mr. Baughman was a self-employed carpenter and formerly lived in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 15, 1908, in Union Township, DeKalb County, to Munson and Ethel Mae (Lautzenhiser) Baughman.

His wife, Melba (Hutton) Baughman, survives in Oconomowoc.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Beryl and Richard McKenzie of Oconomowoc; one sister, Dorothy Wagner of Auburn; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gordon L. Baughman; one brother, Eugene; one sister, Zella Monroe; and one granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Edson Fee

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Edson R. Fee, 91, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Integrated Health Services of Pinellas Park, Fla.

Mr. Fee retired in 1975 after 46 years of service with Metropolitan Life of Chicago. He graduated from Butler High School in 1929 and joined Metropolitan Life that same year as a general clerk in the financial accounting area. He was promoted in 1937 to the corporate investigative staff, and was then transferred to corporate headquarters in New York City in 1952 as assistant manager of the sales auditing office. He was then promoted to vice president, with responsibility for all corporate internal auditing.

After retirement, he moved to Auburn in 1976 and then to Fort Wayne in 1980. He maintained a summer home in Indiana and spent winters in Pinellas Park, Fla. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and Sunset Palms Community Church in Pinellas Park.

Mr. Fee was born was born Jan. 2, 1911, in Butler to Judson and Rosa (Hand) Fee.

His first wife, Lillian M. Veague, died in 1979.

Surviving him are his wife of 22 years, Virginia (Brown) Fee; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard D. and Ginny Fee of Valrico, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharlene J. and Clayton Copeland of Goshen, Conn., and Nancy R. and Fred Thiess of Parkdale, Ore.; a sister, Doris Dorsey of Hicksville, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Jan Huntoon of Aurora, Colo.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six siblings, Herman in 1985, Earl in 1980, Russell in 1986, Ruth Roden in 1996, Maynard in 2000, and Amber Heffley, also in 2000.

Reed Fry

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WOLCOTTVILLE — Reed James Fry was stillborn Friday, May 3, 2002, at 2:06 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his parents, William Scott Fry and Stacey Jean Reed, both of Wolcottville; his grandparents, William and Wanda Fry of Burr Oak, Mich., and Shane and Connie Reed of Mongo; great-grandparents Kenneth and Gaythel Hall of Mongo and John Reed of Hueysville, Ky.; and a great-great grandmother, Eula Hall of Mongo.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Springfield Township Cemetery at Mongo. The Rev. Randall Evans will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial services were held Friday at 3 p.m. in Sunset Palms Community Church, with Dr. Howard Thompson officiating.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. Interment will be in Waterloo Cemetery at a later date.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of local arrangements.

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Russell Guiff

PLEASANT LAKE — Russell L. Guiff, 85, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at Angola.

Mr. Guiff was a lifetime farmer, retiring in 1991. He also worked for American Hoist Co. for 10 years, retiring in 1967. He was a member of First Mennoite Church.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916, in Allen County.

He married Mary C. (Roderick) Guiff on Nov. 23, 1963, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Guiff of Avon; a daughter, Jane Kennedy of Angola; a brother, Harry Guiff of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church, 1215 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne.

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Arthur 'Bud' Leamon

CROMWELL — Arthur B. "Bud" Leamon, 78, of Cromwell, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 4:45 a.m. in V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System at Marion.

Mr. Leamon served as a judge in Cromwell for 30 years. He worked as a machine repairman at Dana Corp.

Mr. Leamon

He graduated from Cromwell High School and served in the U.S. Army as a corporal from 1942-45 in World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier and the Cromwell Fire Department.

He was born July 8, 1923, in Noble County to Harrison and Edna (Derdorf) Leamon.

He married Mable Hackworth Leamon on March 25, 1947, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Arthur "Butch" and Carol Leamon of Ligonier; one brother, Max Leamon of Syracuse; one sister, Thelma Hickman of Albion; two grandchildren, Chris and Shawn Leamon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Terrel, Keith, Pat and Lloyd Leamon, and three sisters, Louise Mains, Myrill Burns and Bennie Joesuch.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. The Rev. James Archambeault and the Rev. William Parks will officiate.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the V.A. or the Cromwell Fire Department.

Betty Felger

AVILLA — Betty A. Felger, 79, of Avilla, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at 5 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Felger had lived in Avilla for the past 7 1/2 years, after moving from Orland.

She was born May 11, 1922, in Bryant, Ind., to Charles and Anna A. (Penrod) Fix.

She spent her early years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1940.

On June 12, 1943, she married Joseph A. Felger. They owned and operated Felger's Market in Huntertown from 1956 to 1974. Mrs. Felger took geriatics training in 1960.

She was a member of Beacon Light Chapel in Churubusco and Order of the Eastern Star chapter 388 in Huntertown.

Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Edwin Gordon of Huntertown and Valerie and Alan Glessner of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Michael and Brenda Felger of Warren and Craig A. and Cindy Felger of Warsaw; eight grandchilden and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, four sisters, a brother and two grandsons.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Robert McNary, pastor of Beacon Light Chapel, will officiate. Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Beacon Light Chapel. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Jennings

GRABILL — Robert L. Jennings, 82, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jennings was a lifetime farmer in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County, near Butler. He also worked 15 years for Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1980.

He belonged to the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

He was born Sept. 7, 1919 in DeKalb County to Nelson and Leota (Boyd) Jennings.

He married Marguerite McCabe Jennings on Sept. 2, 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert L. Jennings Jr. and Deanna Jennings of Leo, and Gary N. and Sandy Jennings of Asheville, N.C.; a stepson and his wife, Jack and Kathe McCabe of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and David Prosser of Butler and Janet and Roger Fisher of Leesburg; 11 grandchilden and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kennith Jennings, and a sister, Alice Holman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Callins is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Aaliyah Carteaux

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KENDALLVILLE — Aaliyah Marie Carteaux died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 12:17 a.m., shortly after her birth, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born to David and Connie Carteaux of Kendallville.

Surviving along with her parents are a half-sister, Mary Terry, a half-brother, Justin Terry, and a stepsister, Rhonda Cole, all of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Smith of Knott County, Kentucky; and paternal grandparents, Russ and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla.

Graveside services will be held Monday at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Sawyer and Birtchel Mosley will officiate.

There will be no calling. Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Jennings

GRABILL — Robert L. Jennings, 82, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jennings was a lifetime farmer in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County, near Butler. He also worked for Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1980.

He belonged to the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 7, 1919 in DeKalb County to Nelson and Leota (Boyd) Jennings.

He married Marguerite McCabe Jennings on Sept. 2, 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert L. Jennings Jr. and Deanna Jennings of Leo, and Garry N. and Sandy Jennings of Asheville, N.C.; a stepson and his wife, Jack and Kathe McCabe of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and David Prosser of Butler and Janet and Roger Fisher of Leesburg; 11 grandchilden and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kennith Jennings, and a sister, Alice Holman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Edward Reeves

FORT WAYNE — Edward H. Reeves, 84, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

The Courtney, Pa., native retired in 1977 as an office manager for Mack Shreve & Associates.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra DeWald of Roanoke and Pamela Maloney of Southfield, Mich.; a son, Richard Reeves of Martinez, Ga.; three stepsons, Philip Mavis of St. Joe, Thomas Mavis of Fort Wayne and Mark Mavis of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Maureen Mavis of St. Joe; four grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.

Two wives, Lucille Reeves and Rita Reeves, and a son, Nathaniel Reeves, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Indiana time Thursday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Mich.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O.McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Meinrad School of Theology.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Judith S. Probst** died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

TOPEKA — **Virgil Yoder**, 60, died Saturday at home. Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jake Eash residence, 7675S - 300W. Calling is all day today at Mr. Yoder's home, 7630S - 300W.

HUNTINGTON — **Andrew Bernard "Andy" Stoltz**, 92, died Sunday at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with a rosary said at 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Debra DeWitt**, 42, died Friday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Alexander Geroff**, 75, died Thursday at home in Middleburg, Fla. Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Leslie L. Heston**, 51, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Frank Inchauteguiz**, 67, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Graveside services with military rites are 2 p.m. Tuesday at National Cemetery, Marion. Calling is 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Winchester Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Fred H. Taylor III**, 21, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Agnes K. Turner**, 77, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services are 5 p.m. Tuesday at Luepke Chapel, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with calling 4:30-5 p.m.

Ida Wells

GARRETT — Ida Ellen Wells, 74, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 10:07 p.m. at St. John's Health System in Anderson.

Mrs. Wells was a homemaker and resided in Garrett for 36 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett, St. Martin's House and the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Wells

She was born Aug. 13, 1927, in Stroh to William and Sovilla (Kunce) Coney.

She married Lennis A. Wells on March 2, 1947, in Pleasant Lake. He died in May 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Andrea Kruse of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Cathy Wells of Garrett, Len and Susan Wells of Mobile, Ala., and Stacy and Debbie Wells of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with Pastor David Farling officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dolores Kapocius

FORT WAYNE — Dolores E. Kapocius, 72, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kapocius was born in Indianapolis and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Vincent Kapocius; a son, Andrew Kapocius of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Stefanie Lynn Dolk, Therese Bonjour, Evelyn Witte and Catherine Kapocius, all of Fort Wayne, and Mary E. Collins of Garrett; two sisters, Mary Workman of Indianapolis and Patricia Rutledge of Poland; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles G. Kapocius, who died in 1991.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Rosary services are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses or St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Goldia Starr

PENNVILLE — Goldia M. Starr, 93, died Friday, May 3, 2002, in Dunkirk.

Mrs. Starr was born in Adams County and was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Cecil Oswalt of Montpelier and Wilfred Oswalt of Muncie; three daughters, Ruth Rogers of Pennville, Francis Medler of Butler and Shirley Bole of Hartford City; a sister, Pauline Odle of Decatur; 35 grandchildren; 76 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, a daughter and her husband, Merritt "Bud" Starr, who died in 1997.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Jay County Heart Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Judith S. Probst**, 63, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles R. Wolfe**, 88, died April 29 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla. Memorial services at a later date in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Lois J. Busche**, 81, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **John B. Carney**, 55, died Friday in Fort Wayne. No services. Calling 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, followed by a reception.

FORT WAYNE — **Ricky Delano Gage**, 49, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Annette Gallogly**, 91, died April 20 in San Ramon, Calif. Service 11 a.m. May 17 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Kleber**, 72, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder. Calling 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Rosary service 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **T. Kathleen Lassen**, 84, died Monday at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling one half-hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Eleanor M. Martens**, 87, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 6 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services. Graveside services 2 p.m. Thursday at Elmwood Memorial Park in River Grove, Ill.

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FORT WAYNE — **Jennifer Meisel Malloy**, 28, died Thursday. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Church in Elm Grove, Wis. Calling 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Becker Ritter Funeral Home in Brookfield, Wis.

FORT WAYNE — **Eleanor J. O'Hara**, 65, died Friday in Johnson, R.I. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Clyde D. Smith**, 86, died Sunday at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Permellia A. Thompson**, 77, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Donnell Quavonne Wright**, infant, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 11 a.m. Thursday at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

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FORT WAYNE — **Catherine M. Graft**, 92, died Monday at home. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Saturday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Bonnie J. Price**, 55, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 1 p.m. Friday at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. No calling.

WOODBURN — **Wilbur "Bill" C. Pepe**, 92, died Monday at Village of Heritage in Monroeville. Services 10 a.m. Friday at St. Louis Catholic Church in New Haven. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Nora K. Brown**, 96, died Tuesday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Abby Chesney**, 16, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Billy J. Davis**, 71, died Sunday. Services were 10 a.m. today at Lane Funeral Home Coulter Chapel in Chattanooga, Tenn.

FORT WAYNE — **Arthur J. Schreck Jr.**, 87, died Tuesday at Woodview Healthcare Center. Mass of Christian Resurrection 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Janette M. Weible Wyss**, 61, died Tuesday at home. Services 9:30 a.m. Indiana time Thursday at Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home in Fremont, Ohio. Calling 5 to 8 p.m. Indiana time today.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn M. Davis**, 79, died Sunday at Elkhart General Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 6 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **John William Goss**, 68, died Monday. Private family services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Dr. Daniel O. Harbor**, 42, died Friday in Texas. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Mariotte**, 88, died April 30 at Alterra Clare Bridge Cottage in Hilton Head, S.C. Memorial services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice C. Parrish**, 86, died Sunday at home. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002

Maria Campos De Cruz

ASHLEY — Maria L. Campos De Cruz, 78, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at 9:57 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She lived in Ashley and was of the Catholic faith.

She was born Feb. 7, 1924, in Mexico to Francisco Campos and Maria Dolores Lopez. Her husband, Odilon Cruz, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are her children who live locally, Josefrna Santoyo and Armando Cruz, both of Angola, and Leonel Cruz of Ashley; one brother; one sister and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Services and burial will take place in Mexico.

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Richard Fink

AUBURN — Richard H. Fink, 83, of Auburn, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, in Towne House Health Center at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fink

Mr. Fink was the former president and chairman of the board of directors of Auburn Foundry Inc., retiring in 1997.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1940. He served with the 5th Army in Italy and Northern Africa.

A member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, he sang in the church choir for over 40 years. He also served on all church boards, including the elders and deacons boards.

He was a member of Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn Rotary, Auburn Rod and Gun Club, Auburn Masonic Lodge, Auburn American Legion Post 97, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Fort Wayne Shrine.

He was a member and former board member of the YMCA of DeKalb County. He was a founding board member of the DeKalb County Heart Association. He was a founding board member and treasurer of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fink was born June 14, 1918, in Auburn to Burr O. and Hazel (Ammon) Fink.

He married Gloria Davis on April 10, 1948, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Tim Borden of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, William Fink of Fort Wayne, John and Tammy Fink of Auburn, and David and Mary Fink of Butler; one sister, Joanna Meeks of Billings, Mont.; three grandchildren, Christine Madsen, Scott Borden and Sophie Del Farbo; and two great-grandchildren, Eloise and Miles Matson.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James Rittenhouse

ANDERSON — James W. "Jim" Rittenhouse, 85, died Monday, May 6, 2002, in Keystone Woods Assisted Living Center in Anderson.

Mr. Rittenhouse had served as a captain in the Auburn Police Department, retiring in 1982. He worked from 1941 to 1943 at Warner Automotive in Auburn.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he served as a military police sergeant. He graduated from Auburn High School.

Mr. Rittenhouse

He was a 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, an advisor for the Jarl S. Sprott Chapter of Demolay, and a member of DeKalb Lodge 214, F.& A.M. in Auburn, Scottish Rite, York Rite, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, and Fraternal Order of Police. He was a leader for Boy Scout Troop 65.

He was born April 25, 1917, in Auburn to Clarence R. and Rowena (Ruffin) Rittenhouse.

He married Elaine D. Douglas, and they were married for 62 years. She survives in Anderson.

Also surviving is one son, Larry J. Rittenhouse of Anderson.

A brother, Vern Rittenhouse, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be conducted Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ, 1600 S. Grandstaff Drive, Auburn.

Randy Hughes

BLUFFTON — Randy B. Hughes, 41, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hughes was a maintenance mechanic at Energy Control Co., retiring in 2001 after five years.

He was born in Willoughby, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Barbara and James W. Mooneyhan of Bluffton; two daughters, Danyell Abbott of Garrett and Brandi Hughes of Bluffton; his grandmother, Dessie Harmon of Bluffton; a grandchild; four sisters, Kathy Brown of Fort Wayne, Pamela Higdon of Warsaw and Connie Perry and Lori Miller, both of Bluffton; and a brother, Tracey Hughes of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Thoma Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Hedrick

MIDDLETOWN, Ind. — Evelyn L. (Edwards) Hedrick, 81, died Thursday, May 9, 2002, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hedrick was a homemaker and secretary to her husband's business, Evart Engineering in Middletown. She also was a Realtor and had lived in Middletown since 1928.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tarpon Springs., Fla., and the United Methodist Women's Association. She was a 50-year member of the Middletown Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 110, and Scottish Rite-High Twelve. She was a graduate of Anderson High School.

She was born April 16, 1921, in Springfield, Mass., to William Correll and Mae Alice (Roberts) Edwards.

Her husband, Arthur David Hedrick, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sylvia Louise and Richard Keith Henderson of Goshen, Kathy Mae and Donald Wallace of Auburn, and Jeanne Alice and Daniel Ralph Coble of Ellisville, Miss.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William Correll and Jane Edwards of Bradenton, Fla., and Robert Lee and Mary Ann Edwards of Anderson; a half-brother and his wife, Thomas Earl and Nancy Edwards of Alexandria; 13 grandchildren, Gregory Henderson, Lori Henderson Lang, Robert Gossage, Tamela Wyatt, Timothy Gossage, Anthony Hedrick, Arthena McBuddy, Kristina Wallace, Marc Wallace, Daniel Coble Jr., Sarah Osborne, John Coble and Benjamin Coble; 21 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Cynthia Fay Gossage, and a son, David Correll Hedrick, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Robert D. Loose Funeral Home-South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson. The Rev. Phillip Rogers of Middletown Nazarene Church will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Tri-Med EMS in Fort Wayne, First United Methodist Church in Tarpon Springs, or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

Ronald Ensch

FORT WAYNE — Ronald C. Ensch, 63, died Tuesday at home in Branson, Mo.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, Mr. Ensch was a retired radiator repairman and owned and operated a business in Indian Point, Mo. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Jerry Ensch; three sons, Dan Ensch of Reed Springs, Mo., Jeff Ensch of Fort Wayne and Mark Ensch of Butler; a brother, Howard Ensch of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Delores Christman and Loretta Crowe, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 9 a.m. Saturday at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home in Branson. Burial will be at a later date in Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery in Branson.

Calling is 7 to 8 p.m. today.

Area Deaths

LAPORTE — **Erna Elizabeth Kretzmann Fenker**, 92, died Wednesday at Hamilton Communities in New Carlisle. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church in LaPorte. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Cutler Funeral Home in LaPorte and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Bette O. Freeland**, 77, died Thursday at home. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond F. Goodwin**, 86, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Karen L. Keesler**, 50, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Julia E. Laguna**, 86, died Wednesday at home. Prayers 9 a.m. Saturday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Services 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Private calling.

FORT WAYNE — **William R. Roberson**, 69, died Wednesday at Craven Regional Medical Center in Arapahoe, N.C. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Arapahoe United Methodist Church. Calling 7 to 8 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Alliance, N.C.

FORT WAYNE — **Roger D. Stein**, 56, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. Fort Wayne Elks Lodge services at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Polly Morrissey Sturges**, 80, died Wednesday at Towne House Health Center. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Shirley D. Walter**, 55, died Tuesday at home. Services 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Cora A. Yarrington**, 103, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. Private services will be held.

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Genevieve Freeze

GARRETT — Genevieve Mae "Jenny" Freeze, 82, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 7:51 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Freeze

Mrs. Freeze was a homemaker and lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a former Girl Scout leader and was active in 4-H.

She was born March 14, 1920, in Garrett to George L. and Frances M. (Koble) Reavis.

She married John M. Freeze on June 3, 1937, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Steven Davis of Garrett and Debra and Dick Boyd of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, John M. "Jack" and Edna Freeze of Garrett; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, James and Diane Freeze, and one grandson.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Limberlost Girl Scout Council or Garrett Cub Scouts.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Harley J. Yoder**, 63, died Wednesday at home. Services 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wayne Miller residence in Shipshewana. Calling after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence.

FORT WAYNE — **William P. Blackburn**, died Monday in Los Angeles. Services at Praiswater Meyer-Mitchell Mortuary in Van Nuys, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — **Eleanor J. Cates**, 89, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 7 p.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling three hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Lolla C. Chupp**, 93, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude I. Crabill**, 87, died Tuesday at Renaissance Village in Whitley County. Services noon Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen L. Gerke**, 87, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard D. Fogler**, 71, died Tuesday at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, Ill. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Georgiana K. Hendricks**, 89, died Wednesday at Heritage Park. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Milton J. Johnson**, 85, died Tuesday at Wesleyan Healthcare in Marion. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church Krauss Chapel. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Martha L. Kiefer**, 83, died Wednesday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Home Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services at Lutheran Home and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Elsworth P. Lochner**, 98, died Wednesday at Kingston Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn K. Miller**, 58, died Friday at Presbyterian Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home. Calling 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara G. O'Brien**, 75, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernadine Van Ness**, 86, died Wednesday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services 3 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

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Jennie Strock

GARRETT — Jennie G. Strock, 102, died Friday, May 10, 2002, at 9:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Strock was a homemaker in Garrett. She worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for a short time.

She was born Aug. 4, 1899, at St. John's in DeKalb County to James and Matilda (Probst) Kemery.

She married Kenneth C. Strock on Oct. 30, 1920. He died Dec. 31, 1943.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Virginia Strock of Garrett, and Dale and Barbara Strock, also of Garrett; one daughter, Marjorie Lung of Greenfield; 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Wesley Lung; one grandchild, two half-brothers and three half-sisters.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is Monday from 1-2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Carl DeWitt Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Carl E. DeWitt Sr., 64, died Friday, May 10, 2002, in Byron Health Care Center at Fort Wayne.

Mr. DeWitt was a foundry worker at Ball Brass Aluminum in Auburn for seven years He loved to draw.

He served in the Sea Bees in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Dec. 7, 1937, in Auburn and formerly lived in Auburn.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl DeWitt Jr. and Lisa DeWitt of Auburn, and Robert A. and Colette DeWitt, also of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Lucinda and Dennis Washler of Butler; four sisters, Shirley McCosh and Lois Renfrow, both of Auburn, Helen Renfrow of Butler, and Mary Ellen Huff of St. Joe; two brothers, Forrest C. DeWitt of Auburn and Joseph E. DeWitt of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

A sister, Hazel DeWitt, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a military graveside service.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ron Croy

FORT WAYNE — Ronald E. "Ron" Croy, 47, died Thursday, May 9, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Warsaw, Mr. Croy was a computer graphic designer, known as a "computer whiz" who graduated with honors from International Business College. He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne. He also enjoyed photography.

Surviving are his parents, Herman and Doris Croy of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Janet Jeffries of Fort Wayne, Joanne White of Woodburn and Robin Angler of Van Wert, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Croy, who died in 1955.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Grace Point Youth Ministries.

May 13th, 2002

Violet L. Fenstermaker

May 13 02

Fremont – 1921-2002

Violet L. Fenstermaker, 80, of Fremont, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at home.

The St. Joe native retired from Moore Business Forms, Angola, and had worked at J.C. Penney. Her hobbies were baking, cooking and flowers. Surviving are sons Roger of Howe, and Neil of Fort Wayne; brothers Gene Freeburn of Montgomery, Mich., and Carmen Freeburn of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Betty Marckel of Fremont; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arna A.; a daughter, Patricia Fenstermaker; four brothers; and a sister. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, American Heart Association or Fremont American Legion.

Information provided by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, 1-260-495-2915.

Ardola A. Purdy Christlieb

Hartford City – 1933-2002

Ardola A. Purdy Christlieb, 68, of Hartford City, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at Americare Living Center.

The Auburn native was a homemaker. Surviving are sons Bobby of Fort Wayne, and Calvin and Steven, both of Kendallville; brothers Dale E. Purdy of Mesa, Ariz., and Rick Purdy of Auburn; sisters Maxine Henson of Fort Wayne, and Barbara L. Gauthier of Las Vegas; and several grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Services are 4 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with calling from 1 p.m. until services. Burial will be at Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

May 13 02

Information provided by Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, Montpelier, 1-765-728-2414.

May 13 02

Willard C. Rose

Angola – 1912-2002

Willard C. Rose, 90, of Angola, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

The DeKalb County native was a farmer, and a member of Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge. Surviving are a daughter, Connie Haynes of Auburn; sisters Maxine Reynolds and Eileen Deller, both of Angola; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; a son, Bernard; and a daughter, Judy Harman. Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and a 7:30 p.m. Moose service. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery. Memorials are to donor's choice

Information provided by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, 1-260-665-3111.

John Soule

GARRETT — John W. Soule, 73, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at 8:10 a.m. in the VA Medical Center at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Soule worked as a security guard for Advance Security of Fort Wayne and was a former New York City police officer. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Marines.

For many years, he was a musician with the Bruden Trio of Michigan. He played Santa Claus for the City of Auburn for 10 years.

He belonged to the Church of God of Fort Wayne and Marine Legion of Fort Wayne.

He was born July 21, 1928, in Cornwall, N.Y., to Henry and Marjorie (Reed) Soule.

He married Linda L. Maloney on May 28, 1973, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Karissa Soule of Peru; two brothers and two sisters; and one grandson, Justin Soule of Peru.

One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. Lane Andrews and evangelist Carol Shepard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Peggy Mills

AUBURN — Peggy L. (Rowe) Mills, 94, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Robert Fredrick**, 79, died Sunday at his rural home near Huntertown. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Calling follows services in the church's fellowship hall.

LAGRANGE — **Pauline Violet Penn**, 93, died Saturday at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis, Mich. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Howe United Methodist Church. Calling 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Indiana time today at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Gary E. Roderick**, 53, died Monday at his home. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude "Pat" Baugh**, 84, died Friday at Englewood Health & Rehabilitation Center. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Cynthia D. Carrillo**, 20, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael G. Davis**, 41, died Thursday in Las Vegas. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Rosary 4:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Eliza Hayden**, 90, died Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, Ill. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Elaine E. Helfrich**, 81, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 3 to 7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Phyllis C. Kelly**, 79, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Brenda Ternet**, 64, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

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Lucille Mills

AUBURN — Lucille "Peggy" Nelson Rowe Mills, 94, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she had resided for less than a month.

Mrs. Mills

Mrs. Mills had been an Auburn resident since 1950 and spent winters in Pinellas Park, Fla. She worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, enjoyed many hobbies, was active in senior citizen centers, and attended Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She attended Helmer and Salem Center schools and graduated from Salem Center High School in Steuben County. She traveled to New Jersey, Florida, California and Hawaii with her first husband. She was widowed for seven years and traveled to Europe and many other places during that time. She traveled to Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands, Nassau, Freeport, South America, Canada, Nova Scotia, California and Florida with her second husband.

She was born May 26, 1907, on a farm northwest of Salem Center to Ida Mae Nelson Bridegan and Roy Nelson.

She married Allen Franklin Rowe on Oct. 14, 1924, in Angola, and he preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1967. She then married Russell Thomas Mills on Sept. 15, 1974, and he preceded her in death June 25, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Rose Ellen Shipe of Ashley and Violet Mae and Teddy Dean Lepley of Ashley; a son and two daughters-in-law, Richard Miles Rowe and Viola Patten Rowe of Cape Coral, Fla., and Margaret Ann Remenicky Rowe of Cape Coral; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Roselyn I. and James A. Wells of Auburn, and Rita J. and Lloyd Smith of Minnesota; one stepson and three stepdaughters-in-law, Rodney D. and Sharon Maggert Mills of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Bream Mills of Michigan, and Joanna Chapman Mills of North Conway, N.H.; 27 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bernard Elmer Rowe on June 28, 1986; one son-in-law, Robert Shipe on Oct. 5, 1986; two stepsons, Ronald Bruce Mills on Oct. 5, 1985, and Robert Thomas Mills in March 2001; five grandchildren, one sister and three brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Jeff Fackler of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Helen J. Reiling**, 81, died Tuesday at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bernard J. Wojciechowski**, 78, died Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **William A. Bachuss**, 47, died May 4 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Iris R. Champlin**, 74, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara Faulkner-Roach**, 65, died Friday at home in Indianapolis. Services 1 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Baptist Church in Marion. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Todd Matthew Mann**, 28, died Monday. Services pending at Thoma Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald E. Morris**, 53, died Monday at home. Services pending at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Opie Titus "Opie T." Morris**, 70, died Monday at home. Services noon Saturday at Oakridge Temple Church of God in Christ. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **U. Poppha Ramma**, 82, died Thursday at Akron Mon Buddhist Temple in Akron, Ohio. Chanting Ceremonies of Final Respects 2 p.m. Sunday at Mon Buddhist Temple. Calling 9 a.m. today through 4 p.m. Sunday at the temple with chanting ceremonies each night.

FORT WAYNE — **Lorraine Brinkman Pecherski Ward**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Services and calling in Jersey City, N.J.

FORT WAYNE — **Stanley W. York**, 75, died Monday at home. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Jonathan J. Zickafoose**, 24, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Private family services at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. No calling.

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Robert Deam

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Deam, 57, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Deam worked as a machine operator at the Auburn Foundry for 21 years, retiring in 1992. He was a graduate of Waterloo High School and lived in Auburn. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Sons of the American Legion, both in Auburn.

He was born July 12, 1944, in Kendallville to Carl W. and Dorothy J. Deam.

He married his wife, Janet, on Oct. 6, 1969, and she survives.

Surviving are one son, Norman of Auburn; one daughter, Tammy Kessler of Auburn; one foster daughter, Tammy Chagoya of Auburn; two brothers, Carl W. Deam of Corunna and Max E. Deam of Ashley; one sister, Mary J. Parker of Hudson; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Henry Deam.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A funeral dinner will be served at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Alice Grear

ASHLEY — Alice "Allie" Grear, 81, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A homemaker, she was born Feb. 25, 1921, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Jay and Ada (Fisher) Grear.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Anne (DeLong) and Kerry Chorpenning of Ashley, and Ginger (DeLong) and Mike Greer of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn Mettert and Marjorie Mettert, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kerry Thomas, Kristin Holiday, Brad Chorpennning, Scott Greer and Robyn Close; and four great-grandchildren, Olivia Thomas, Kennedy Thomas, Rylie Holiday and Colton Close.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Don, Bud, Richard, Boband Paul Grear; and three sisters, Merry Zuver, Edna Carpenter and Gertrude Utley.

Family services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with family calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department and EMT Service.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donette Pelz

COLUMBIA CITY — Donette W. Pelz, 45, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at a friend's residence in Garrett.

She was a Licensed Practical Nurse who worked at Whitley County Memorial Hospital for 15 years, Miller's' Merry Manor in Columbia City for three years and Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington for the past four years. She graduated from Whitko High School in South Whitley in 1975. She then attended and received her nursing degree from Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne.

Donette Pelz

She was a member of Columbia City Eagles Auxiliary Lodge No. 1906, Larwill Wesleyan Church and Willing Workers Choir. She was also very active in the Whitley County 4-H Club for several years.

She was born March 27, 1957, in Fort Wayne to Donald W. and Nina W. (Badders) Pelz. She spent her formative years in Allen County and Columbia City. In 1998 she moved to Huntington. She married Herman C. Fortna Jr. May 1, 2002, in Garrett. He survives there.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeremy Wolfe of Columbia City and Jason Wolfe of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Susan Pelz of Warsaw; a sister, Marie Pelz of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; four nieces; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Connie Pelz, Melanie Pelz and Sara Jane Pelz.

Services are 7 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Harold Polk will officiate. Burial will be near Hershey, Pa.

Calling is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Milo W. "Shorty" Wells**, 85, died Tuesday in Auburn. Graveside services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

FORT WAYNE — **W. Robert "Bob" Nessel**, 88, died Tuesday. Services Friday at 1 p.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon.

LAGRANGE — **Edmund R. Klausing**, 68, died Tuesday at home. Services noon Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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WOLCOTTVILLE — **Frank L. Garrett**, 62, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Kendallville. Services pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

MONTPELIER — **Jimmie D. Ramseyer**, 62, died Tuesday at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Services 4 p.m. Saturday at Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Calling 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald Gibson**, 63, died May 9 in Fort Wayne. Services noon today at Carmichael Funeral Service. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **John Paul Fisher**, 58, died Tuesday at home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret R. McCrady**, 91, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald E. Morris**, 53, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **William Neat Sr.**, 77, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 1 p.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Slade Funeral Home in Payne, Ohio. Calling after 3 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **James Nemo Jr.**, 40, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Marion Baptist Academy Church in Marion, Ala. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Emily Peters**, 81, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Catholic Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Beatrice Hess

AUBURN — Beatrice M. Hess, 84, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at 1:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hess was a homemaker and a secretary for her husband's business, Woody Hess Trucking. She was a part-time secretary at Quality Kitchens and lived in Auburn.

She was born June 7, 1917, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Lorin E. Slater and Charlotte (Case) Slater-Gibbons.

She married Woodrow Hess on Nov. 3, 1934, in Auburn. He died April 15, 1995.

Surviving are one son, Jerry L. Hess of Auburn; one daughter, Darlene J. Baughman of Columbia City; four grandchildren, Terry Baughman of Pierceton, Scott Hess and Troy Hess, both of Auburn, and Taya Myers of Garrett; and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Vernous Slater, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Cathy Summers

AVILLA — Cathy I. Summers, 54, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at 2:24 a.m. in her Avilla home.

Mrs. Summers was a homemaker and lived in Avilla for 31 years. She was a member of the Steuben-LaGrange County Association For Young Children and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 7, 1947, in Kendallville to Russell and Betty (Straiter) Strouse. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Michael L. Summers on July 28, 1970, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Nicole Summers of Avilla; one son, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville; one sister, Jane Trim of North Carolina; one brother, Carson Strouse of Kendallville; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben-LaGrange County Association For Young Children.

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Denver Maxton

ANGOLA — Denver Paul Maxton, 93, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Maxton was a combination man for GTE for 40 years and a farmer on his own land. He was a member of Angola Christian Church and a life member of the Angola Moose Lodge. He lived in Angola.

He was born July 29, 1908, in Otsego Township of Steuben County to Hugh and Georgie (Boiles) Maxton.

He married Dorothy Brandeberry on July 23, 1938, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sue Ann Knoblauch of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ruth Kester of Albion; one grandson, Robert Durham; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Marie Durham; one grandson; and three brothers, C.J. Maxton, Lewis Maxton and Mahlon Maxton.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bible for Babies at Angola Christian Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Nickie Fulk

ALBION — Nickie A. Fulk, 42, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fulk worked in the maintenance department of Mossberg Industries Inc. in Garrett; prior to that he was employed at Autojectors Inc. in Albion. He was a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed fishing and riding and working on motorcycles.

He was born March 18, 1960, in Whitley County to Harold R. and Anna Lee (Adams) Fulk. His mother survives in Albion. In 1963 he moved with his parents from Churubusco to Albion and was educated in Central Noble schools. He married Tina Smith July 16, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Nickie Allen Fulk Jr. of Mancelona, Mich., and Tyler Jon Fulk of Garrett; a stepson, Johnny Huff Jr. of Topeka; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Powell of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie Lynn and Gary Smith of Albion; a grandchild; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Rickie Dean Fulk and David Allen Fulk.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Patricia D. Harrington**, 75, died Tuesday. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

WAWAKA — **Arthur "Art" Hawks**, 57, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Frankl Leon Garrett**, 62, died Wednesda at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling 2 t 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dale Eugene Siples**, 72, died Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Masonic services 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Allen Becker**, 83, died Thursday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 t 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara G Allmandinger**, 73, died Wednesday at Heritage Park Heal Care Center. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Son Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to service

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn S. Barbieri**, 54, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Monday at First Assembly of God. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday a D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Par Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Donovan C Burroughs**, 74, died Wednesday home. Services 2 p.m. EST Saturday at Paris Cemetery in Paris, Ky. Calling 7 to 9 p.m. tod at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Kyle Alan Erick**, 16, died Wednesday at home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday a D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valle Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth Wolfe**, 66, died Tuesday at home. Private family services. No callin

FORT WAYNE — **Lena Mari Wilcox**, 91, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Prairi Grove Cemetery. No calling.

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Ainsworth Sewell

HAMILTON — Ainsworth E. Sewell, 84, died Friday, May 17, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Sewell was a timber cutter and farmer. He lived in Hamilton.

He was born Aug. 20, 1917, in Steuben County to Joseph and Belle (Lemmon) Sewell.

He married Marion C. Brown on March 31, 1944, in Angola. She died May 10, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Stephen Sewell of Hamilton; two daughters, Brenda Krontz and Terri Sewell, both of Hamilton; two sisters, Hazel Heston of Hamilton and Delores Hughes of Angola; and one granddaughter, Paula Sewell.

One sister, Pauline Brand, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ronald Ensch

BRANSON, Mo. — Ronald C. Ensch, 63, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at his home.

Branson owned and operated a store at Indian Point, Mo. He also was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Jerry; three sons, Dan Ensch of Reeds Spring, Mo., Jeff Ensch of Fort Wayne and Mark Ensch of Butler; a brother, Howard Ensch of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Delores Christman and Loretta Crowe, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are today at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home in Branson. Private burial will in Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery, Branson.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Frankie Leon Garrett**, 62, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. David Tripp of Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

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Mary Vaughn

FREMONT — Mary R. Becky" Vaughn, 79, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at her daughter's home in Chaska, Minn.

Mrs. Vaughn was a homemaker and co-owner of Vaughn's Dry Cleaners, and worked for many years at the Gloria Shoppe in Fremont. She took an active role in church, civic and social pursuits.

She was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star and a member for over 50 years. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters, Pinochle Club and Minerva Club. She participated in many church and general community projects.

Mrs. Vaughn

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Greenfield to the Rev. Hillis L. and Mary E. (Beard) Avery. Her father was a United Methodist minister.

She married Robert L. "Arky" Vaughn on Oct. 14, 1945, in Windfall, Ind. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a daughter, Suzanne Kneeland of Chaska, Minn.; two sons, Steven A. Vaughn of Fremont and Anthony F. Vaughn of Eden Prairie, Minn.; sister, Denise Simon of Ellenton, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Hal D. Vaughn of Fremont; a sister-in-law, Margaret Vaughn of Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren, Emma Vaughn of Fremont, Melissa and Lindsay Vaughn of Eden Prairie, and Harris and Hannah Kneeland of Chaska; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Fremont United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate. An Eastern Star service will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Graveside services will immediately follow in Jamestown Cemetery for internment of Mary and her husband, Robert.

A luncheon will be served after the services at the church.

Memorials are to the Fremont Community Schools Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund, P.O. Box 665, Fremont IN 46737.

Nickie Fulk

ALBION — Nickie A. Fulk, 42, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fulk worked in the maintenance department of Mossberg Industries Inc. in Garrett; prior to that he was employed at Autojectors Inc. in Albion. He was a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed fishing and riding and working on motorcycles.

Mr. Fulk

He was born March 18, 1960, in Whitley County to Harold R. and Anna Lee (Adams) Fulk. His mother survives in Albion. In 1963 he moved with his parents from Churubusco to Albion and was educated in Central Noble schools. He married Tina Smith July 16, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Nickie Allen Fulk Jr. of Mancelona, Mich., and Tyler Jon Fulk of Garrett; a stepson, Johnny Huff Jr. of Topeka; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Powell of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie Lynn and Gary Smith of Albion; a grandchild; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Rickie Dean Fulk and David Allen Fulk.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Alice I. Jones

KENDALLVILLE — Alice I. Jones, 88, Kendallville, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center where she had resided since July of 1999.

Mrs. Jones was born in Noble County on Aug. 27, 1913, to Mervin and Tillie (Blaisdall) Kresse. She was retired from Lyall Electric.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Donat of Kendallville; two sons, Edmund Jones of Wawaka and Henry (Barb) Jones of Silver Creek, N.Y.; a brother, Lawrence "Skip" (Annie) Kresse of Mongo; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford and Dale Kresse, and a sister, Opal Thompson.

Calling hours are set for 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Association.

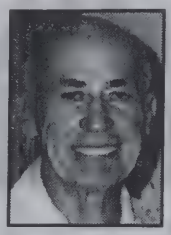
Verda A. Preston

AVILLA — Funeral services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, for Verda A. Preston, 92.

Mrs. Preston died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Merl Furnish

SPENCERVILLE — Merl Dean Furnish, 87, died Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.



Mr. Furnish

Mr. Furnish was a barber for 45 years and lived in Spencerville. He served four years in the U.S. Army during World War II in New Guinea and Australia. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

He was born May 16, 1915, in Spencerville to James Arthur and Metta (Roads) Furnish.

He married Marion White on March 31, 1946, in Akron, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Kenny Neuhouser of Fort Wayne; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Furnish of Butler; a brother, Charles Furnish of Leo; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harold "Babe" Furnish, preceded him in death on June 21, 1995.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville, with military services.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Spencerville IN 46788.

Condolences may be sent to sympathyCBW@aol.com.

Wallace Daniels Sr.

BUTLER — Wallace C. Daniels Sr., 68, died Sunday, May 19, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Daniels was a retired truck driver. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Newville Church of Christ and Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He was born Oct. 17, 1933, in Kincaid, Ill., to Harrison and Olive (Osborn) Daniels.

He married Leora Brandau on Oct. 21, 1950, in Norwalk, Wis., and she survives.

Also surviving are nine sons, Danny Daniels of Lillian, Texas, David Daniels of Edgerton, Ohio, Gary Daniels of Butler, James Daniels of Auburn, Jeffrey Daniels of Fort Wayne, Martin Daniels of St. Joe, Ronald Daniels and Lee Daniels, both of Hicksville, Ohio, and Wallace Daniels Jr. of Paulding, Ohio; four daughters, Joyce DeLong, Gloria Hankey, Jeanne Kline and Sheryl Lockhart, all of Butler; two brothers, Harrison Daniels Jr. of Taylorville, Ill., and Jesse Daniels of New Albany, Ind.; four sisters, Shirley Randall of Taylorville, Drucilla Sloan of Decatur, Ill., Betty Thompson of Springfield, Ill., and Violet Walton of Stonington, Ill.; 37 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Daniels, and two grandsons, Bradley Lockhart and Robbie Daniels.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Minister Darrin Langford officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Newville Church of Christ.

Verda Preston

AVILLA — Verda A. Preston, 92, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Preston was a homemaker who lived most of her life in Kendallville, Rome City and Avilla.

She was born April 4, 1910, in Fort Wayne to Edgar and Edna Jean (Leymon) Baker.

She married Charles Preston Nov. 13, 1926, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1980.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a daughter, Joy A. Sneary of Avilla; a son, Charles E. Preston of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jennifer Laur of Kendallville, Candice Barbulesco of South Bend, Geoffrey D. and Kenneth C. Preston, both of Auburn, and Susan K. Egbert of Greenwood; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Baker of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Mary Rice of Columbia City.

Private family services and calling will be held Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **William "Bill" Nixon Osborn**, 64, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Hannah Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home in Blanchester, Ohio. Local calling 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Topeka Mennonite Church. Additional calling is 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Wilma D. Bolinger**, 92, died Saturday at The Oaks. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Catherine B. Keefe**, 91, died Friday at home. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Calling 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Meda H. Houlihan**, 91, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at a later date in Ansonia, Conn.

FORT WAYNE — **F. Elizabeth "Beth" Kierstead**, 67, died Friday in Baton Rouge, La. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Spring Street Wesleyan Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia Sheldon Stoltz**, 92, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Margaret Truman

BELLFLOWER, Calif. — Margaret E. (Woodcock) Truman, 93, died of heart failure Sunday, May 19, 2002, at 4 a.m. in Bellflower Hospital.

She resided at Emmanuel Convalescent Hospital for 10 years before she was moved to the Los Angeles-area hospital a few days before her death.

She was a homemaker and lived in Bellflower. She was a former Garrett resident before moving to South Lyons, Mich., and later to Glendora, Calif.

She was born Oct. 7, 1908, in Garrett to Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, George Shutt of Glendora, Calif., and Ralph and Muriel Shutt of Cornwall, England; two brothers, Roger Woodcock of Kendallville and Ralph Woodcock of Santa Barbara, Calif.; one sister, Patricia Sutton of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Vicki Smola and DeeAnne Weber, both of Redlands, Calif., Jill Ryan of Lake Forest, Calif., and Jeff Shutt of Running Springs, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Alfred and Arthur Woodcock, and three sisters, Charlotte Shutt, Florence Berndt and Edith Miller, preceded her in death.

Private memorial services will be held. Rose Hills and Los Angeles Funeral Society is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Klopfenstein

GRABILL — Ethel Pearl Klopfenstein, 97, died this morning, Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Area Deaths

CLEAR LAKE — **Louise G. Anderson** died March 9, 2002, in Greensboro, N.C. Memorial service Sunday at 2 p.m. in Clear Lake Lutheran Church. A reception at the Anderson cottage will follow the memorial service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Jaedon Isiah Reinbold** was stillborn Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — **Kevin L. Uhl**, 42, died Friday at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. Services noon Saturday at Mongo United Methodist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruby M. Farra**, 96, died Saturday. Services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Lynne Johnson**, 50, died Friday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent Catholic Church. Calling follows services.

FORT WAYNE — **Herb O. Knothe**, 81, died Saturday in Florida. Services 1 p.m. June 7 at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ryan Patrick Moloney**, 23 days, died Sunday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Harley J. Shaffer**, 81, died Friday in Puryear, Tenn. Services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Lenore K. Schlecht**, 83, died Friday. Private services will be held.

FORT WAYNE — **Cora C. Thomas**, 91, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lewis E. Thompson**, 86, died Friday. Services noon Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

Deaths & Funerals

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2002

THE EVENING STAR

Thomas Bonecutter

HAMILTON — Thomas William Bonecutter, 83, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at 10:02 p.m. in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital at Angola.

Mr. Bonecutter

Mr. Bonecutter was a lead person at County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn, where he worked 31 years before retiring in 1981. He lived in Hamilton and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 6, 1918, in Shelby, Ohio, to Thomas and Pearl (Wing) Bonecutter.

He married Lois Ann Norrick on July 3, 1945, in the Butler United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, C. William Bonecutter of Auburn and Robert William Bonecutter of Hamilton; two daughters, Jean Chriswell and Lois Fett, both of Hamilton; two brothers, Alvin Bonecutter of California, Mo., and Donald Bonecutter of Butler; seven grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bonecutter; three half-brothers, Homer, Lowell and Henry Bonecutter; four sisters, Donna Kunkle, Alta Ford, Pauline Gettys and Marjorie Bonecutter; and four half-sisters, Merle McDonald, Gladys Sampsel, Joyce Royer and Anna Grace Keller.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery with military graveside services by the Waterloo VFW and Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gerald Russell

BUTLER — Gerald D. Russell, 68, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at 4:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Russell was a bail bondsman for many years. He was a member of the Edgerton (Ohio) Church of Christ, a director emeritus of the National Stock Dog Magazine and Registry, and was active in the Republican Party.

He attended Ohio State University for three years and graduated from Defiance College.

He was born Jan. 25, 1934, in Fostoria, Ohio, to Carl and Alta (Statler) Russell.

He married Juanita R. Emanuel on Nov. 22, 1956, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and David Gorney Sr. of Butler; three grandsons, David J., Daniel and Joshua Gorney, all of Butler; one granddaughter and her husband, Dawn Elizabeth and Douglas Pulido of Auburn; one great-granddaughter, Kayla Pulido; eight half-sisters and one half-brother.

Services will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Edgerton Church of Christ with calling after 11:30 a.m. (Indiana time). Pastor Fred Lab will officiate.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School in Auburn.

Krill Funeral Home of Edgerton is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Ackman

ASHLEY — Carolyn Ann Ackman, 51, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Ackman

Mrs. Ackman was co-owner of Ackman Sales & Service, where she worked as a secretary. She also worked as a homemaker.

She was on the board of directors of Early Adventures Childcare in Kendallville. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served on the capital campaign committee and as organist and financial secretary. She was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 17, 1950, to John H. and Ilene M. (Jacob) Young. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

She married Charles Ray "Skip" Ackman Aug. 4, 1974, in Albion. He survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters, Debra Ackman of Ashley and Carri Ackman of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepson, Bradley Ray Ackman of Galesburg, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Connie and Richard Maassel of Westerville, Ohio, and Cheryl Young and Cathy and David Thiem, all of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Cassandra Smith; two stepgrandchildren, Bradley and Courtney Ackman; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church building fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Beth Treadway

FREMONT — Beth Treadway, 86, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Treadway was retired nurse with 40 years of service. She had lived in Fremont.

She was born Dec. 30, 1915, in Melba, Idaho, to Wallace and Claudia (Cook) Burton.

She married Howard Treadway on April 9, 1955, in Lordsburg, N.M., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Treadway of Provo, Utah, and Ray Treadway of Colon, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth McNaughton, on Aug. 30, 1988.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Pastor Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Ethel Klopfenstein

GRABILL — Ethel P. (Scherer) Klopfenstein, 97, died Tuesday morning, May 21, 2002, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Klopfenstein was a homemaker and farmer and a member of Grabill Missionary Church since 1967.

She was born Dec. 2, 1904, in Allen County to George and Fannie (Shive) Scherer.

She married Ezra David Klopfenstein in April 1926 in Fort Wayne. He died Dec. 31, 1946.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Lou Wisler of Spencerville; three grandchildren, Julie Anne Starkey and Susan Lee Schowe, both of Auburn, and Basil David Glenn Wisler of Spencerville; and three great-granddaughters, Cecilia, Madeline and Olivia Schowe.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Vernon Petersen will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill IN 46741.

Gaylord Parr

ORLAND — Gaylord R. Parr, 61, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:15 a.m.

Mr. Parr

He owned Parr Farm Supply and Parr Trucking Co. and was a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army.

A lifelong Stroh and Orland resident, he moved to Orland in 1974.

Mr. Parr owned Parr Racing and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Avilla Speedway and Steuben County Speedway. He was an avid race fan and loved to fly his plane.

A pilot for many years, he owned his own plane and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

He was born Aril 24, 1941, in Stroh to Elwood and Louise (DeGraw) Parr.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeff A. and Julie Parr of rural Hudson, and Greg E. Parr of Orland; one daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Jeff Wynn of LaGrange; a companion, Mary Jane Cooper; three brothers, Richard Parr of Pittsboro, N.C., and Gordon Parr and Rodney Parr, both of rural Hudson; and seven grandchildren, Tiffany Bater, Corey Parr, Jeff Parr Jr., Chad Wynn, Britanny Parr, Ashley Wynn and Eric Parr.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ, with calling after 10 a.m. Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 3-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to Cameron Home and Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Pauline Ritter

ANGOLA — Pauline Ritter, 90, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Ritter was a housekeeper for Elmhurst Hospital in Angola. She lived in Angola and was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ and Women of the Moose, both in Angola.

She was born March 28, 1912, in Quincy, Mich., to Chester and Mary English.

Her first husband, Iven Arnold, survives in Fremont. Her second husband, Gerald Ritter, preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1978.

Also surviving are one daughter, LaVon Wineland of Quincy; one son, DeVon Arnold of Angola; three stepsons, Max Ritter of Angola, Lester Ritter of Butler and Gerald Ritter Jr. of Grabill; one stepdaughter, Shirley Hamilton of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Irma English of Coldwater, Mich.; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Amos and Harold English; one sister, Mildred George; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 11 a.m. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Mable Agness

LATTY, Ohio — Mable L. Agness, 66, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at 4:35 p.m. at her Latty, Ohio, home, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Agness was an employee of Stoller Joney House in Latty, retiring in 1980, and a former beautician in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Friends United Methodist Church in Latty.

She was born Aug. 24, 1935, in Crocker, Mo., to Melvin and Lois (Crawford) Ray.

She married Nolan R. Agness on March 10, 1956, in Grover Hill, Ohio. He died March 25, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela Violet of Auburn and Barbara Agness of Paulding, Ohio; a son, Richard Agness of Cecil, Ohio; one sister, Donna Miller of Latty; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in Friends United Methodist Church at Latty, with calling after 11 a.m. (Indiana time). Pastor Deborah Frysinger will officiate. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery of Paulding, Ohio.

Calling is Thursday from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. (Indiana time) and Friday from 7-10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Den Herder Funeral Home at Paulding.

Memorials are to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses Association-Hospice or the church.

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2002 (Con.)

Joseph Kline

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Joseph Lee Kline, 73, died Monday, May 20, 2002, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kline retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1971 after 20 years of service. He also retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne and was employed by Defiance County Airport and DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He lived in Hicksville and graduated from Mark Center School in 1948. He was a member of Mark Center United Methodist Church and the Sherwood post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a charter member of Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Feb. 3, 1929, in Mark Township, Ohio, to Fred and Naomi (Cline) Kline.

He married his wife, Evelwyn, on June 17, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles F. Kline of Hicksville and Robin L. Kline of St. Charles, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Ann; one brother, Wilmer Kline, and two sisters, Wilma Taylor and Linda Lou.

Services will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Tom Graves will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery at Hicksville, with military graveside services by the Sherwood VFW.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) and Thursday after 7 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles will conduct a service today at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Defiance County Humane Society.

Richard Flynn

BRYAN, Ohio — Richard J. Flynn, 74, died Monday, May 20, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Flynn retired as a production mechanic from Spangler Candy Co. on March 1, 1991. He was a former employee of the Wabash Railroad as a section hand, and of Thiel Construction in Blakeslee, Ohio, where he worked as a construction and concrete laborer.

After graduation from Butler High School, he was drafted by the New York Yankees and played for their Class C baseball team.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Bryan, where he lived. He was a third-degree member of Blakeslee Knights of Columbus 3883 and a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee.

He was born March 11, 1928, in Blakeslee to James B. and Lenora C. (Kelble) Flynn.

He married Grace Adelle Naitzka on Sept. 27, 1947, and she died April 28, 1977.

He married Mary L. Carter on Oct. 6, 1979, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Sheila and Jim Booker of Bryan, Riki and Michael Timbrook of Edon, Ohio, Cheryl and Douglas Michael of Edon, and Debra and Forrest Hinkle of Houston, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Carol Flynn of Angola, and John and Sue Flynn of Edon; a stepdaughter and her husband, Jane and John Patten of Bryan; two sisters, Celeste Blinzler and Charlene Flynn, both of Bryan; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One brother, James Flynn, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Bryan, with Father Charles Ritter officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 3-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Rice Funeral Home, 225 E. High St., Bryan. A rosary service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (Indiana time) and a Knights of Columbus service will follow at 7:45 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Charles F. "Chic" Hedges**, 85, died Monday. Services Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O.. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Pamela Jo Axson-Gerardot**, 43, died Saturday at home. Private graveside services.

AVILLA — **Dorothy Marie Duehmig**, 75, died Tuesday at Heritage House Nursing Home in New Castle. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Rosary service 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Margaret Johnson**, 66, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Ky. Calling after 4 p.m. today and Thursday.

HARLAN — **Harold E. Voirol**, 81, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Floyd Holifield**, 71, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Micheaux Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Opal Gouloff**, 84, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services at St. Nicholas St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Trisagion services 8:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002 The Evening Star

Paul Lefevor

AVILLA — Paul F. Lefevor, 82, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mr. Lefevor retired in 1983 from Tokheim in Fort Wayne with 33 years of service. He was a lifelong Avilla resident.

Mr. Lefevor

He was born April 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to John and Edna (Heitz) Lefevor.

He married Fern Liddle on June 17, 1944, in Bright, Ind. She died in April 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Kay Lefevor of Avilla and Delmar and Ruth Lefevor of Sanford, Mich.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Edna and Gary Rapp of Churubusco, and Delores Lefevor of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, the Garrett Nazarene Church or the Gideons International Bible Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Volera Lucas

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Volera V. Lucas, 89, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at 4:30 a.m. at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she had been a resident since May 31, 2001.

Mrs. Lucas was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville and a charter member of the Hicksville Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born March 26, 1913, in LaGrange to John and Sarah (Slane) Shreve.

She married Leo X. Lucas on Oct. 18, 1930. He died Aug. 30, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and John Gonya of Angola and Mary Ann and Philip Frederick of Antwerp, Ohio; one son, Richard "Doc" Lucas of Antwerp; one sister, Rosella McLaughlin of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter-in-law, Norma Lucas of Hicksville; 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Frank Lucas and Gerald Lucas, and two grandsons preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with calling after 7 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

Calling is today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary will conduct a service today at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties or a charity of the donor's choice.

Morton Wright

HUNTERTOWN — Morton M. Wright, 72, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in his Huntertown home.

He served and cared for the hearing needs of northeast Indiana for 35 years and pastored churches of the Nazarene in Farmland and Kendallville. He was born in Marion.

Surviving are four sons, Delain D. of Haywards Heath, England, Kurt D. of Charlotte, N.C., Kent A. of Fort Wayne and Terry S. of Huntertown; three daughters, Renae Slonecker of Dublin, Ohio, Jerene Childers of New Haven and Janel Badiac of Fort Wayne; one brother, William Wright of Albuquerque, N.M., and 29 grandchildren.

His wife, Rosalie, preceded him in death in 2000.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Christian Schools.

Thomas Bonecutter

HAMILTON — Thomas William Bonecutter, 83, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at 10:02 p.m. in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital at Angola.

Mr. Bonecutter was a lead person at County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn, where he worked 31 years before retiring in 1981. He lived in Hamilton and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Bonecutter

He was born July 6, 1918, in Shelby, Ohio, to Thomas and Pearl (Wing) Bonecutter.

He married Lois Ann Norrick on July 3, 1945, in the Butler United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, C. William Bonecutter of Auburn and Robert William Bonecutter of Hamilton; two daughters and one son-in-law, Jean and Donald Chriswell and Lois Fett, both of Hamilton; two brothers, Alvin Bonecutter of California, Mo., and Donald Bonecutter of Butler; seven grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bonecutter; three half-brothers, Homer, Lowell and Henry Bonecutter; four sisters, Donna Kunkle, Alta Ford, Pauline Gettys and Marjorie Bonecutter; and four half-sisters, Merle McDonald, Gladys Sampsel, Joyce Royer and Anna Grace Keller.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with David Payne officiating.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery with military graveside services by the Waterloo VFW and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net

Thia obituary is being republished with additional information about calling and services.

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Thursday, May 23rd, 2002 (con.)

Clovis Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Clovis Hoover, 78, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Hoover worked for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring after 36 years. He was a member of and served as an associate pastor at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

Mr. Hoover

He was born Dec. 18, 1923, in Garrett, Ky., to Granvill and Lola (Hicks) Hoover. He married Flora Terry March 16, 1941, in Quicksand, Ky. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rickie and Lori Hoover of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and David Hicks of Brimfield, Jean and Harvey Garza of Wolcottville and Diane and Harry Gamble of Wolcottville; three half brothers, Denver Elliott of Sturgis, Mich., Leon Elliott of Peru and Eddie Elliott of LaGrange; three half sisters, Delores of Sturgis, Faye Patterson of Rome City and Ruth Terry of Lisbon; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Grant Hoover, who died in 1979; and Granvill Hoover, who died in 1999.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church. The Revs. Earl Bolen and Bill Sawyer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today at the church until Friday services. Additional services are 7 p.m. today at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Carrol Leas

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Carrol Leas, 83, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Mr. Leas served in the U.S. Air Force for 25 years, retiring in 1965 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He worked for the Illinois Bureau of Budget from 1970 to 1972 and then was a professor at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore., where he lived from 1974 to 1985. He moved to Hillsboro in 1985.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Tri-State College in Angola and a master's degree in business accounting through the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed reading and family activities.

He was born Feb. 17, 1919, in Ashley to Hazel Pepple and Timothy Leas.

He married Joan Broom on Dec. 31, 1941, in San Antonio, Texas, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joseph Leas of Seaside, Ore., Thomas A. Leas of Hillsboro, and Thomas A. Leas of Jefferson, Ore.; a daughter, Sue E. Rothberg of Houston, Texas; a brother, James Pepple of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held May 9 in Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Private burial was in Fir Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2194 SE Minter Bridge Road, Hillsboro OR 97123.

Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Beekman

ANGOLA — Opal M. Beekman, 81, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabiliation Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Crystal Ruth Gibson

PORTLAND, Ind. — Crystal Ruth Gibson, 88, died Wednesday evening, May 22, 2002, at Americare Center West in Portland.

She was retired from Kerr Glass in Dunkirk.

She lived in Portland and was a member of the Portland Moose Lodge, Portland Eagles Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary in Portland and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Geneva.

She was born July 20, 1913, in Adams County to Edward and Myrtle (Fogle) Fennig.

Surviving are one son, Jack Gibson of Hamilton; one daughter, Pat Gibson of Portland; three sisters, Margaret Bauman of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mary Binegar of Geneva and Kathaleen Burkhart of Decatur; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor John Gibson officiating. Burial will follow in West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva.

Calling is Friday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Americare Activity Fund, Mercer County Hospice or Parkinson's Foundation.

Beth Tredway

FREMONT — Beth Tredway, 86, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Tredway was retired nurse with 40 years of service. She had lived in Fremont.

She was born Dec. 30, 1915, in Melba, Idaho, to Wallace and Claudia (Cook) Burton.

She married Howard Tredway on April 9, 1955, in Lordsburg, N.M., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Tredway of Provo, Utah, and Ray Tredway of Colon, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth McNaughton, on Aug. 30, 1988.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Pastor Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Charles Briggs

FORT WAYNE — Charles E. Briggs, 92, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Briggs worked as a planning specialist at General Electric Co., retiring in 1974 after 46 years. He was born in Andrews.

Surviving are his wife, Maud N. Briggs; three daughters, Laura A. Fries of Leo-Cedarville, Elizabeth M. Briggs of Cleveland and Nancy R. McKaig of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Gerald Briggs of Venice, Fla., Chester A. Briggs of Annapolis, Md., and Donald Briggs of Auburn; a sister, Kathryn McKinney of Carlsbad, N.M.; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or Riley Children's Hospital.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **William L. Fate**, 75, died Thursday at his daughter's home in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn F. Hoverman**, 78, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara E. Miller**, 72, died Thursday at Bethlehem Woods Rehabilitation Center. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Pauline L. Wilson**, 88, died Wednesday at Swiss Village in Berne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. today.

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Wesley Coiner

NORTH HUNTINGDON, Pa. — Wesley Ervin Coiner, 89, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, in Baldock Health Care Centre in North Huntingdon, Pa.

Mr. Coiner was an employee of DuPont in Waynesboro, Va., before his retirement. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Staunton, Va., and served as a caregiver to his wife, Geraldine.

He and his wife were former residents of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn and also attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn. He formerly lived in Fishersville, Va.

He was born Aug. 4, 1912, in near Staunton to Ervine Michael and Carrie Ellen Coiner.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ethel Geraldine Coiner; a daughter, Linda Archer of Gallup, N.M.; two sons, Stuart Coiner in Kampala, Uganda, and Ronald Coiner in North Huntingdon, Pa.; a sister, Ann Taylor; a brother, Edward Coiner; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Catherine Davies; and a brother, Carl Coiner.

Services were held May 18 in Augusta Memorial Park Chapel in Waynesboro.

Cards may be sent to Geraldine Coiner at Baldock Health Care Centre, 8850 Barnes Lake Road, North Huntingdon PA 15642.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Opal M. Beekman**, 81, died Tuesday. Graveside services Sunday at 2 p.m. in Kope Cemetery, Steuben County. Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **William L. Fate**, 75, died Thursday at his daughter's home in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn F. Hoverman,** 78, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara E. Miller,** 72, died Thursday at Bethlehem Woods Rehabilitation Center. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Pauline L. Wilson,** 88, died Wednesday at Swiss Village in Berne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles E. Briggs,** 92, died Thursday at home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

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Pearl Point

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Lucille Point, 92, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at 3:30 a.m. at her son's home in Kokomo after a four-month illness.

A graduate of South High School in Lima, Ohio, Mrs. Point had lived in Kendallville since 1956. She was a manager for 25 years at the Kendallville Drive-In theater. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 17, 1909, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Joseph and Mary Ruth (Sybert) Burnett.

She married Cleon P. Point April 20, 1929, in Newport, Ky. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Cleon E. and Jan Point of Kokomo; two grandsons, Kevin Point of Chicago and Eric Point of Noblesville; a granddaughter and her husband, Lisa and Jim Vorbroker of Zionsville; and six great-grandchildren, Justin, Allie, Kristen, Levi, Hunter and Dakota Vorbroker.

Two brothers, Robert and Floyd Burnett, and three sisters, Ida Sellers, Radeal Steel and Gladys Augustus, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Calling is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Moore

SABETHA, Kan. — John George "Jack" Moore, 71, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at Sabetha Community Hospital.

Mr. Moore grew up in the Kearney, Neb., area, attending Kearney schools and graduating from Kearney High School. He worked with his father and brother and did industrial electrical work for several years. He then attended Tri-State University at Angola for one year, studying electrical engineering.

He was born Oct. 26, 1930, in Kearney to Mark T. and Minnie (Sordt) Moore.

He married Barbara Popkess Adams Aug. 1, 1959, in Sabetha. She survives there.

Also surviving are four sons, Mark Moore of Pawnee City, Neb., Brad Moore of Angola, Tim Moore of Remington and Jeff Moore of Sabetha; a daughter, Terri Howe of Mitchell, S.D.; a sister, Mary Ellen Jensen of Medicine Bow, Wyo.; and 15 grandchildren.

A son, Michael Moore, and a brother, Max Moore, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Cremation will follow.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Apostolic Christian Home in care of the funeral home.

Maxine Reese

FREMONT — Marine Lorraine (Parsons) Reese, 79, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born Oct. 16, 1922, in Steuben County to Ralph and Lillian Lyle (Berry) Custer Parsons.

She married Darrell D. Reese on June 20, 1942, in Angola. He preceded her in death Oct. 15, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Bill Wasson of Corona, Calif., and Carol and Max Newbauer of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cindy Reese of LaOtto and Barry and Debra Reese of Fremont; a brother, Estel Parsons of Montgomery, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Larry Devon Reese, on Aug. 26, 1999; four brothers; and, in 1998, a great-granddaughter, Brandilynn Curtis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont. The Rev. David Salyer will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago IL 60678, or the American Lung Association, 9445 Delegates Row, Indianapolis IN 46240.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Charleen A. "Char" Knipscheer**, 64, died Thursday at home. Service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Vigil service at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Lela C. Smith** died Wednesday at Lutheran Home. Service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Eastern Star services at 6:30 p.m. and White Shrine services at 7 p.m.

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Edna Buuck

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — Edna Louise Rose Buuck, 98, died April 11 at Methodist Hospital, Arcadia, Calif., following a serious fall and hip surgery.

Mrs. Buuck

She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and was confirmed there April 1, 1917. She attended Lutheran Grade School at St. Paul's for all eight grades, then continued her education with a two-year business course at the Luther Institute adjacent to the church. Her first job was as a legal secretary in Fort Wayne.

After marriage she moved to Kendallville, where she was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church. She worked in Kendallville between 1930 and 1952 as a bookkeeper for her husband when they operated the Sinclair Gas Station at Diamond and Main streets in Kendallville and the Gambles Store, and later a Goodyear Car and Home Supply Store on Main Street. The couple moved to Pomona, Calif., in September 1952. In 1997 she moved to the Lutheran Retirement Home at Alhambra, Calif.

Mrs. Buuck became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Pomona, where she was an officer in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, active in the Braille Ministry, taught Sunday school, helped with vacation Bible school and filled in as church secretary. At the time of her death she was the church's oldest living member.

She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, listening to Dodgers games, crocheting, tatting, keeping in touch with her family and friends, Bible classes and serving the church.

She was born June 18, 1903 in Fort Wayne to Henry D. and Emma Louis (Mesing) Rose. She married Henry E. Buuck Sept. 18, 1929, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death July 5, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathleen Rose Forker of Ithaca, N.Y., Mary Ellen Koch of Lewiston, Calif., and Barbara Ann Goetz of Playa del Rey, Calif.; two sons-in-law; nine grandsons; a granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were April 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pomona. Burial was April 26 at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pomona, or the Alhambra Retirement Home, Alhambra.

May 27th 2002 was Memorial Day

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Timothy Myers

SPENCERVILLE — Timothy A. Myers, 29, died Monday, May 27, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries he received in a traffic accident on Interstate 69 at S.R. 14.

Mr. Myers was a retired staff sergeant with U.S. Army Special Operations. He was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born April 4, 1973, in Auburn to Kenneth and Sonja Myers. They survive in Spencerville.

Also surviving are five brothers, Michael Myers of Indianapolis, Douglas Myers and David Myers, both of Fort Wayne, Bryan Myers of Gainesville, Fla., and Gregory Myers of Spencerville.

One sister, Elizabeth, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn, with military graveside services.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Douglas

FORT WAYNE — Sarah Ann Douglas, 24, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and worked as an assistant controller at the Indiana Institute of Technology.

Her fiance, Tim Myers, also died Sunday.

Surviving are her parents, Craig and Kathleen M. Douglas of Spencerville; a brother, Jared C. Douglas of Spencerville; a sister, Laura S. Douglas of Spencerville; and her grandparents, David and Carol Mays of Huntington.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Indiana Tech Women's Softball or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Joseph Graber

GRABILL — Joseph L. Graber, 78, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Graber was born in Grabill and worked as a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Graber, who died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons, David Graber of Hamilton and Noah Graber of Butler; five daughters, Mary Lengacher, Lucy Graber and Sarah Eicher, all of Grabill, Betty Graber of New Haven and Ruth Hilty of Edmonton, Ky.; three brothers, Andy Graber of South Whitley, John Graber of Grabill and Amos Graber of Corpus Christi, Texas; a sister, Anna Steury of Hicksville, Ohio; 36 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services are 9 a.m. Friday at the Ben Eicher residence on Graber Road in Grabill. Burial will be in Grabill Cemetery.

Calling is today through Friday at the Ben Eicher residence.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished to correct a misspelling.

Paul Lafevor

AVILLA — Paul F. Lafevor, 82, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mr. Lafevor retired in 1983 from Tokheim in Fort Wayne with 33 years of service. He was a lifelong Avilla resident.

Lafevor

He was born April 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to John and Edna (Heitz) Lafevor.

He married Fern Liddle on June 17, 1944, in Bright, Ind. She died in April 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Kay Lafevor of Avilla and Delmar and Ruth Lafevor of Sanford, Mich.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Edna and Gary Rapp of Churubusco, and Delores Lafevor of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, the Garrett Nazarene Church or the Gideons International Bible Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett was in charged of arrangements.

Howard Stevenson

HENDERSONVILLE, S.C. — Howard D. Stevenson, 87, died Friday, May 24, 2002, in The Laurels of Hendersonville nursing home.

A native of Wauseon, Ohio, he was the son of Roy and Bessie (Kennedy) Stevenson and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

His wife, Geraldine Stevenson, died in March.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Geran Miller of Pisgah Forest, N.C.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of local arrangements.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Evelyn Florence "Evy" Becker**, 79, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at her Angola home. Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. There will be no services or burial.

FREMONT — **Betty Louise Schlichter**, 75, died Saturday. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Area Deaths

HOWE — **Florence Bauder** died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

CHURUBUSCO — **Marie Dorothy Mieth**, 82, died May 22 at her home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna E. Ochoa**, 76, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1:30 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Linda F. Burks**, 56, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert Lee Smith**, 63, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Private family services. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Victor H. Brewer Jr.**, 31, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services 7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy M. Hessert,** 90, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Center. Private family services Thursday. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Katherine Houser**, 33, died Sunday. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at The Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at The Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth Marie (Payne) Rinard**, 77, died Friday. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at George White Funeral Home in Quincy, Mich. Calling 5 to 8 p.m. today.

Lola Nelson

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Lola L. Denison (Williams) Nelson, 81, died Dec. 18, 2001, in Bloomington.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Mrs. Nelson lived in Auburn for 20 years and in Fort Wayne for 21 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn and Forest Park United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

She grew up in Chicago and studied accounting at Northwestern University. She was payroll variations controller for Commonwealth Edison Corp. at the age of 19 and later was cost accountant for Continental Can Corp. in Chicago. She left the workforce in 1950 to start a family and returned to work in 1963 as a bookkeeper for Stern Clothing Co. in Garrett.

A community activist, she was instrumental in obtaining a new sewage system for Auburn's east side. She was a feminist and charter member of the Northeast Indiana chapter of the National Organization for Women. She helped establish the Steuben-DeKalb Well Child Clinic and drove mothers and children to Angola every week for health care. She was a long-time Girl Scout leader and a booster of the bands at Auburn High School and later DeKalb High School.

She was born Aug. 13, 1920, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., to Ross Erving and Lottie (Langosch) Denison.

Her husband of 31 years, Harold E. Nelson, preceded her in death in April 1999.

Surviving her are one daughter, Carol Williams Walter of Bloomington; one son, Gary L. Williams of Orland; two stepdaughters, Carol Ann Nelson Christopher of San Antonio, Texas, and Mary Ellen Nelson Birdwell of Jourdanton, Texas; one sister, Amy McCrory of Burbank, Ill; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, David Denison, and one sister, Hope Franssell.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Bloomington Hospital, P.O. Box 1149, Bloomington IN 47402.

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LaVerne Hindbaugh

COLUMBIA CITY — LaVerne E. Hindbaugh, 83, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hindbaugh was a homemaker and worked as a news correspondent for The Post & Mail in Columbia City, contributing to the newspaper's "Laud News" column for many years.

She was born in Whitley County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Merlin Hindbaugh, who died in 1991; and a son, Donald Hindbaugh.

Surviving are a daughter, Janice L. Shultz of Waterloo; two sons, Ron D. and Lynn A. Hindbaugh, both of Columbia City; and seven grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Laud Christian Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Paige Zenae Johnson**, 3 months, died Sunday at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and two hours prior to services Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dana Jean Booth** died Tuesday at her home. Services pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

HOWE — **Florence E. Bauder**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. No services. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Twila Ruth Witte**, 83, died Tuesday. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Billow Fairlawn Chapel in Akron, Ohio. Calling two hours prior to services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Linda F. Burks**, 56, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Zelma Price**, 94, died early today at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — **David Gene Altheide**, 59, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Jewish Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Henry Bruns**, 87, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **James Louis Clark**, 69, died Sunday at his home in Fishers Hill, Va. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Fishers Hill Cemetery. Calling 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Stover Funeral Home in Strasburg, Va.

FORT WAYNE — **Hattie Bell Craig**, 66, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Minnie Fay Kline Gladfelter**, 88, died Tuesday at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home in Maumee, Ohio. Services 1:30 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at Neville Funeral Home Southwest Chapel in Holland, Ohio. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. northeast Indiana time today and 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. northeast Indiana time Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven A. Huff**, 58, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Stout & Son Funeral Home in Russiaville. Calling 4 to 8:30 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **William H. Kenny**, 74, died Sunday at home. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Judith Ruth Pritchett**, 62, died Monday at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, Mo. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Day Funeral Home in Marshfield, Mo. Calling 7 to 8 p.m. today. Graveside services 2 p.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

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Elsie Scott

FORT WAYNE — Elsie G. Scott, 90, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a dental assistant with the City of St. Louis, Mo., for 25 years, retiring in 1977.

Mrs. Scott

She was born in St. Louis. Her husband, William F. Scott, died in 1967.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carole L. and Albert G. Burke of Fort Wayne; one brother, Sterling Borman of St. Louis; two grandchildren, Michael Burke of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Kelly L. Bolinger of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren, Sean, Tyler, Evan and Jenna Burke, all of Miamisburg, and Mackenzie, Erica and Elizabeth Bolinger, all of Auburn.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home of Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery at St. Louis.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

James Latham

AUBURN — James. R. "Jim" Latham, 72, died Saturday, May 25, 2002, at Oak Meadows Learning Center in Auburn.

Mr. Latham was born Feb. 13, 1930, in New Castle.

Surviving are his guardian, Karen Kyler of Evansville; and one sister, Lucille Conyers of Mount Summitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Sam Latham; and one sister, Betty Phares.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 2:15 p.m. at Oak Meadows Learning Center. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Iven Haddix

EDGERTON, Ohio — Iven Gene Haddix, 76, died Monday, May 27, 2002, in Weldon Springs, Mo.

Mr. Haddix resided in the St. Louis, Mo., area for many years and was a former Edgerton, Ohio, resident. He worked for Bohn Aluminum in Butler from 1947 to 1975 before moving to East Lansing, Mich., where he managed Bell Pizza from 1975 to 1980. He operated IVEN Pizza in Madison, Wis., from 1980 to 1988 and retired in 1989.

A 1943 graduate of Edgerton High School, he served in the U.S. Army during the World War II era, from 1944 to 1947. He was affiliated with First Christian-Disciples of Christ Church in St. Louis.

He was born Jan. 2, 1926, in Edgerton to Irwin G. and Theresia (Goebel) Haddix.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen D. Haddix of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ronald D. Haddix of Foosland, Ill.; one daughter, Deann Palmer of Saginaw, Mich.; one brother, Allen Haddix of Angola; five sisters, Sevilla Miller of Adrian, Mich., Corda Curtis of Angola, Elsie Stambaugh of Milton, Fla., Viola Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Grace Redmond of Pace, Fla.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. There will be no calling.

Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton is in charge of arrangements.

William Schenkel

FORT WAYNE — William P. Schenkel II, 60, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Schenkel was a Fort Wayne contractor, responsible for the construction of many area business buildings, including Sealed Power (now SPX) and Auburn Packaging (now Artistic Carton) in Auburn, and Hendrickson Suspension in Kendallville. He was owner and general contractor of Summit Construction, formerly known as Schenkel Construction. He also played a role in the construction of Angola and Columbia City high schools. The Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce named him small business person for the month of May in 1987.

Mr. Schenkel

He was an advocate for the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization. He received a transplant more than seven years ago and decided to become an organ donor himself.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Hope Schenkel; three daughters, Lisa Schenkel Vaughn of Indianapolis, and Beth Leits and Lori Eddy, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, William P. Schenkel III and Andrew P. Schenkel, both of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, with calling after 9 a.m. Entombment will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Thursday, May 30, 2002 (Con.)

Wilbur Hawk

HOWE — Wilbur C. Hawk, 88, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at Kingston Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Hawk was a farmer.

He was born March 12, 1914, in Mongo to Eli and Lulu (Sisson) Hawk. He married Margaret Neihardt April 5, 1941, in Auburn. She preceded him in death June 11, 1983. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki Tschannan, who died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Keith and Michael Hawk, both of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Clifford Smith of Three Rivers, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. The Rev. Rodger Strong will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Harold Hollister**, 78, died Wednesday at 6:48 p.m. Services pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

BLUFFTON — **Marion L. Barringer**, 83, a former resident of Lake George, Fremont, died Tueday. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Calling today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with an Elks memorial service at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Homer A. Evans**, 79, died Tuesday. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Additional calling Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. Mccomb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

ALBION — **Kathryn Rose Merriman**, 64, died Wednesday at her home near Skinner Lake. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Calling one hour prior to services and 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Charles L. Harp**, 79, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dana Jean Booth**, 67, died Tuesday at her home. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at the church, followed by a special evening service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Zelma E. Price**, 94, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

WARREN — **Barbara J. Falk**, 68, died Wednesday at home. Services 3 p.m. Saturday at United Church of Christ in Warren. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Home H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris Faye Bromley**, 55, died Sunday at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. Services were 9 a.m. today at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kan.

FORT WAYNE — **Clarrisa Ann Cavanaugh** died Saturday at Dupont Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Clyde "Chic" B. Chilton**, 66, died Tuesday at his home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty L. Trick Darr**, 71, died Wednesday at St. John's Medical Center in Anderson. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home South Chapel in Anderson. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Audie Lillian Davis**, 93, died Tuesday at Ossian Health Care. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Shelley S. Farm Ellis**, 34, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Calling 30 minutes prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Esther M. Gallmeyer**, 92, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services 1 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert M. Geyer**, 78, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Therese Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Zela D. Koch**, 93, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Private services at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy "Dottie" M. Lee**, 68, died Tuesday at her home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Terrance Lovin**, 53, died Tuesday at Life Care Center. Services 11 a.m. today at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronnie D. Mowery**, 56, died Sunday at his home. Services 5 p.m. Friday at Harvest Pentecostal Church of God in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Pearlie Mary Ann DeLoach Peppers**, 57, died Monday at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, Ky. Services 2 p.m. Friday at W.T. Shumake & Daughters Funeral Home Chapel in Louisville.

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Deanne Yingling

NEW HAVEN — Deanne L. Yingling, 65, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Prior to her retirement in 1998, Mrs. Yingling worked as a bus driver for East Allen County Schools for 24 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Richard G. Yingling; a son, Rik Yingling of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Debra Kay Waite and Dona M. Bradbury, both of Fort Wayne, and Sandra D. Hall of Auburn; a brother, Allen C. Dornte of Lake James, Angola; a sister, Judith Lobert of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Harold "Hap" Hollister**, 78, died Wednesday at 6:48 p.m. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 11 a.m.

HOWE — **Ronald E. Yoder**, 56, died Wednesday at his home. Services 10 a.m. Monday at First Church of God in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

HOWE — **Hubert Smith**, 83, died Thursday at Goshen General Hospital. Services pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

FORT WAYNE — **Thelma I. Dammeier**, 85, died Wednesday at Woodview Manor Health Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **William J. "Pete" Horstman**, 70, died Thursday at his home in Ottoville, Ohio. Services 9:30 a.m. northeast Indiana time Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ottoville. Calling 1 to 8 p.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday and Sunday at Kokmeyer-Helmkamp-Orians Funeral Home in Ottoville, with parish wake at 3 p.m. northeast Indiana time .

FORT WAYNE — **Ronnie D. Mowery**, 56, died Sunday at his home. Services 5 p.m. today at Harvest Pentecostal Church of God. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **John R. Odom**, 74, died Wednesday in Indianapolis. Services pending at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Tommy Pearson**, 63, died Tuesday at his home. Services 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **John Nicely Reis**, 78, died May 16 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 5 p.m. Saturday at Fort Wayne First Seventh-Day Adventist Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Celeste S. Wagner Schneider**, 94, died Sunday in Fort Wright, Ky. Services were at Holy Cross Imaculata Church in Cincinnati.

FORT WAYNE — **Oma R. Smith**, 87, died Wednesday at Saint Anne Home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services. Graveside services 3:30 p.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Cairo East Cemetery in Cairo, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Cornelius "Con" F. Sterling**, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, died May 23 at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Philadelphia. Services 11 a.m. June 22 at St. John the Baptist Church.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002

The Evening Star

Lewis Davis

AUBURN — Lewis E. "Lew" Davis, 69, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 11:08 a.m at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Davis had lived in Auburn for five years. He formerly lived in Churubusco and worked for Mosler Safe Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 18, 1932, in Huntington to Vernon L. and Buna (Myers) Davis.

He married Shirley A. Dick on June 18, 1982, in Columbia City. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Karen Lieb of Auburn; two stepgrandchildren, Emily and Amanda Lieb, both of Auburn; a brother, John Davis; and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witnesses.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lewis Gray

ANGOLA — Lewis F. Gray, 88, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at his home in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Allen H. Eash**, 59, died Friday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Floyd Lehman home, 3785S C.R. 300W, LaGrange. Calling is after noon today and all day Sunday at the Elmer Bontrager home, 4310S C.R. 300W, LaGrange.

Margery Martin

FORT WAYNE — Margery Martin, 78, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Born in Derby, England, she retired from Associated Anesthesiologist after 30 years as a surgery scheduler. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Hayes of Auburn and Terri Buchanan of Fort Wayne; a son, Tony Martin of Fort Wayne; a brother, Dennis Stevenson of Derby England; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin C. Martin.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, with a rosary service at 9:45 a.m. and calling after 10 a.m.

Entombment will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

This obituary is being republished with new information about services.

Deanne Yingling

NEW HAVEN — Deanne L. Yingling, 65, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yingling served as a bus driver for East Allen County Schools for 24 years, retiring in 1998.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. She enjoyed bowling, gardening, reading and puzzles.

Surviving are her husband, Richard G. Yingling of New Haven; a son, Rik Yingling of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Debra Kay Waite and Dona M. Bradbury, both of Fort Wayne, and Sandra D. Hall of Auburn; a brother, Allen C. Dornte of Lake James, Angola; a sister, Judith Lobert of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with calling there after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

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Wayne Conrad

ASHLEY — Wayne Conrad, 81, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime farmer. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1939 and was a lifetime member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church. He was recognized in 1998 for his involvement with the Indiana Crop Improvement Association as a 50-year member of the agricultural seed industry.

Mr. Conrad

He was born Oct. 11, 1920, in DeKalb County, to James and Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad.

He married Eleanor Orwig on Nov. 6, 1941, at her home in Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Betty Conrad of Waterloo and Joel and Lynda Conrad of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Joyce Conrad of Ashley; a brother, James "Corky" Conrad of Ashley; a sister, Mary Ann Ferebee of Windermere, Fla.; four grandchildren, Jack, Kathryn, Karia and Kevin Conrad; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Conrad.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Darvin Suter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, the American Lung Association or Cameron Hospital Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald M. Austin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald M. Austin, 55, of Wolcottville, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 8:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Austin was a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne Division, serving from June 1966 to June 1969. He was a truck driver for Mollering Construction in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 4, 1947, in Kendallville, to Kenneth and Macille (Brown) Austin.

Surviving are two sons, Dustin Austin of Austin, Texas and Devin Austin of Alexandria, La.; two brothers, Kenneth Austin of Fort Wayne and Monte Austin of Stroh; and a sister, Patty Courtney of Wolcottville.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Florence Simon Smith

NOBLESVILLE — Florence Simon Smith, 75, a former resident of Allen County and rural Garrett, and more recently a resident of Noblesville, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at 9:38 p.m. at her residence. She had been in declining health for the past six months.

A 25-year employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Smith retired as a keypunch operator there in 1985. She was a graduate of Huntertown High School and a member of the Carmel Lutheran Church.

She was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Allen County, to Harry and Treva (Liechty) Fritz.

She was married in 1946 to Donald M. Simon, and he preceded her in death in 1970.

Her marriage to Charles W. Smith was on Oct. 14, 1972. The couple lived south of Garrett most of their married life. He preceded her in death on Feb. 12, 1994. Mrs. Smith then moved to Noblesville to be near her daughter.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Fred Goldstein of Noblesville; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Steve Simon and Dottie Simon of West Dundee, Ill.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and George Dunten and Delores and Melvin Kuehnert, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard H. and Alice Fritz, Alvin W. and Jean Fritz and Kenneth P. and Barbara Fritz, all of Fort Wayne, and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Steve Simon officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome. com.

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The Evening Star

Wayne Conrad

ASHLEY — Wayne Conrad, 81, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime farmer. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1939 and was a lifetime member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church. He was recognized in 1998 for his involvement with the Indiana Crop Improvement Association as a 50-year member of the agricultural seed industry.

Mr. Conrad

He was born Oct. 11, 1920, in DeKalb County, to James and Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad.

He married Eleanor Orwig on Nov. 6, 1941, at her home in Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Betty Conrad of Waterloo and Joel and Lynda Conrad of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Joyce Conrad of Ashley; a brother, James "Corky" Conrad of Ashley; a sister, Mary Ann Ferebee of Windermere, Fla.; four grandchildren, Jack, Kathryn, Karla and Kevin Conrad; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Conrad.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Darvin Suter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, the American Lung Association or Cameron Hospital Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty Treesh

AVILLA — Betty M. (Weible) Treesh, 62, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at her sister-in-law's home in rural Albion.

Mrs. Treesh, formerly a 37-year resident of Edgerton, Ohio, was a homemaker. She also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier.She was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam.

She was born June 19, 1939, in Mongo to Walter Laurel and Rebecca Lucille (Steffe) Weible. She married Thomas Elmer Treesh Dec. 1, 1962, in Garrett. He preceded her in death Dec. 5, 1999. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Wayne Weible, who died in 2000; and Richard Lewis Weible, who died in 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Laurel and Sandra Ann Treesh of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Machelle Auline and Danny Mason of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Raymond Miller of Albion; three grandchildren, Ian and Kimberly Howe and Chayton Mason; and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Jean Weible of Baroda, Mich., and Betty Weible of Merriam.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor George Cecil will officiate. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Wilfred Drabenstot

PHOENIX — Wilfred "Buddy" Curtis Drabenstot, 65, of Phoenix, Ariz., died May 14, 2002, in Albuquerque, N.M.

A longtime resident of Phoenix and Redondo Beach, Calif., he was active in Arizona politics and was an active member of Kiwanis International.

He was born in Auburn on Jan. 11, 1937, to Charles and Rachael Ann (Croxton) Drabenstot

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Chapel in Whitley County. Internent will be in the Jefferson Chapel Cemetery.

Lewis Gray

ANGOLA — Lewis F. Gray, 88, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, in his Angola home.

Mr. Gray was a vice president for Society Bank in Angola and a lifetime resident of Angola.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, 40 & 8, George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Angola, and the Indiana Division of CBI (China, Burma, India) Veterans Association.

He was born March 2, 1914, in Angola to Leon and Pearl (Butz) Gray.

He married Wanda M. Huber on Oct. 30, 1937. She died Feb. 10, 1998.

Surviving are one son, Larry Gray of Clarksville, Tenn.; one daughter, Jeanne Romero of Montgomery, Mich., one brother, Max Gray of Auburn; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One grandson, David Romero, preceded him in death.

A memorial service for Lewis and Wanda Gray will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, June 3rd, 2002 (Con.)

Bessie Castator

LIGONIER — Bessie Wilhelmina Castator, 87, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Kingston Health Care Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Castator was a homemaker.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Kendallville to Emil and Caroline Catherine Helen (Engle) Bloomfield. She married LeRoy Castator Dec. 12, 1936, in West Fairfield. He preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1974. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack LeRoy Castator, and four brothers, Melvin, Amos, John and Clarence Bloomfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Rose Elkins of Orville, Wash., Mary Conrad of Ligonier and Debra Eshem of Chester, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Alice Castator of Arizona; a sister, Catherine Lucille Wilson of Butler; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of Golden Valley, Calif.; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date in Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Ore.

Calling is 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Manford Armstrong

NEW HAVEN — Manford E. "Max" Armstrong, 75, died Friday, May 31, 2002, in his New Haven home.

Mr. Armstrong was a steel worker, retiring in 1960 from Mossman Yarnelle in Fort Wayne with 11 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and New Hope Community Church.

He was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Fort Wayne.

He married Patricia France on Aug. 31, 1946, in Angola. She died in 1999.

Surviving are one son, Gary W. Armstrong of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lena I. Earhart of Fort Wayne and Maxine E. Beberstein of New Haven; three sisters, Alice Lovell and Audrey Stockton, both of Fort Wayne, and Imogene Woods of Peralta, N.M.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Merle E. Hawkins Sr.**, 84, died Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Frank G. Corder II**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Roberta J. DeArmond**, 88, died Sunday at Lutheran Home. Services noon Wednesday at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

PIONEER, Ohio — **Frederic W. Wyman**, 78, died Saturday at Dilworth Center in Montpelier, Ohio. Services 10 a.m. northeast Indiana time Tuesday at Pioneer United Methodist Church. Calling 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time today at Thompson Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary N. Hobbs**, 84, died Saturday at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Raven-Choate Funeral Home in Marion. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Esther H. Schneider Ehrman**, 87, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia Cochran Fischer**, 80, died Friday at Randolph Nursing Home in Winchester. Services 1 p.m. Tuesday at Walker Funeral Home in Winchester. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben Joseph Lopez**, 22, died Saturday at home. Services pending in Decatur.

FORT WAYNE — **Terry C. Weagley**, 54, died Saturday at her home in Marion. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service in Marion.

Gene Mitchener

CHATSWORTH, Calif. — Gene R. Mitchener, 59, an Auburn native known nationally as a "wheelchair comedian," died Sunday, June 2, 2002, in Chatsworth, Calif., where he lived.

Mr. Mitchener

A motivational speaker and comedian on handicapped issues, he had a 24-year career entertaining audiences while educating them, under the veil of comedy, about the "can-do" attitude of people with disabilities.

He often returned to Indiana to visit family and friends in Auburn. He was honored as grand marshal of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Parade of Classics in 1987.

Mr. Mitchener began his professional comedy career in 1978 when some musician friends lifted him, in his wheelchair, onto a stage to entertain the audience during a break.

After earning a degree in accounting at the University of Toledo in Ohio, he moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he recorded a comedy album, "I've Never Heard of You Either." He wrote and shared material with numerous comics who assisted him in fund-raising projects for the disabled and physically challenged, including muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, spinal-muscular atrophy, cerebral palsy, Spastic Children's Foundation and other volunteer foundations. His work in motivational and humor therapy still is used in several California-based motivational institutes and training programs.

At the suggestion of "Happy Days" producer Garry Marshall, Mr. Mitchener moved to California to train for his career in comedy. He worked every available open-mike opportunity and played many comedy clubs and college campuses across the country. He entertained in Vienna, Austria, for a convention of travel agents who specialized in travel for the disabled.

He made more than 100 television appearances, including featured segments on "Entertainment Tonight" and "Hour Magazine." He was featured in more than 200 print articles, including a five-page spread in People Magazine.

He co-authored "Autobiography of a Wheelchair Comic: When Things Get Heavy ... Lighten Up!", a cartoon strip called "Gene" and a coloring book for disabled children. Rolling Productions published several motivational booklets based on his life.

He was currently working with long-time associate and producer Margie Glover of Westfield, Ind., on a documentary about his life and with his personal assistant and editor, J.W. Wolfe, of Woodland Hills, Calif., on his biography.

Mr. Mitchener performed the lead role of Larry in a musical, "My How You've Changed!" It ran for eight weeks on stage in Los Angeles. He hosted a pilot episode of "The Gene Mitchener Show" for Group W cable television , was affiliated with a series of Family Channel comedy specials, and hosted a two-hour variety show at The Horn nightclub in Santa Monica, Calif.

In his later years, he was a successful motivational speaker. He was featured on The Hour of Power and spoke to more than 100 groups across the country. He was appointed humor therapist at Northridge Hospital in Northridge, Calif., and conducted weekly humor sessions for patients. His Web site at http://www.humortherapist.com focused on the role of humor therapy in reducing life stress.

He was born Dec. 11, 1942, in Auburn to Robert D. and Donna L. (Carper) Mitchener. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one son, Jason Mitchener of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother and sister-in-law, Jack A. and Mary L. Mitchener of Auburn; and one niece, Laurie Ann Mitchener of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Indiana Ronald McDonald House or Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Louise Wallace

SPENCERVILLE — Louise L. Wallace, 85, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in her home in rural Spencerville.

Mrs. Wallace was a homemaker and a member of the Victory Barn Church in Edgerton, Ohio.

She was born March 20, 1917, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Eugene and Helen (Webber) King.

She married Albert Ross Wallace on Jan. 7, 1938. He died Nov. 7, 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jill Wallace of Fort Wayne, David and Carol Wallace of Sinking Spring, Pa., and Douglass and Cheryl Wallace of Van Wert, Ohio; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Mary and Louis Balducci of Venice, Fla., Judith and Robert Kulp of Fort Wayne, Deborah and Joseph Lenart of Sinking Spring, Pa., Rebecca and Kenneth Stark of Spencerville, Diana Adams of Franklin, Ohio, and Karen Wallace of Wyomissing, Pa.; and one sister, Catharine Shinn of Columbia City.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the Victory Barn Church at Edgerton, with calling at the church after 8 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Rosene Short will officiate. Interment will be in Ridge Cemetery at Middle Point, Ohio.

Memorials are to Quad County Dialysis Center of Auburn or Victory Barn Church.

Brickner Funeral Home of Van Wert, Ohio, is in charge of the arrangements.

Shilar Goble

GARRETT — Shilar Alan Goble was stillborn Sunday, June 2, 2002, at 2:25 a.m. in Dupont Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Alan Lee Goble and Laura Beth Swonger of Garrett; and his grandparents, Jerry and Marilynn Goble of Garrett and Dale and Wanda Swonger, also of Garrett.

A private service will be held Wednesday in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, June 4th, 2002 (Lon)

Garry Caswell

LEO — Garry Marie Caswell, 88, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at 11:40 a.m. in Heritage Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Caswell was a homemaker in Leo. She formerly lived in Angola and was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born Aug. 3, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Harry and May (Greve) Creigh.

Her husband, Burnell Caswell, died in 1994.

Surviving are one daughter, Kathleen M. Jesse of Manchester, Tenn.; one son, Thomas O. Caswell of Leo; one sister, Margaruite Schenkel of Fort Wayne; one brother, Eugene Creigh of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Father David Voors officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Hubert Smith**, 83, died Thursday at Goshen General Hospital. Memorial services 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

CHURUBUSCO — **Roger L. Pence** died Monday at home. Services pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Grover Clayton Crowder**, 76, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Clarence A. Barnhart**, 85, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Joanne Shupe**, 55, died Sunday at home. Memorial services are 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling is 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

ANGOLA — **Betty J. "BJ" Mendenhall**, 79, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Michele Pastore Fendt**, 40, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. today at Thoma/Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton.

FORT WAYNE — **Stephen Wayne Gater**, 55, died Sunday at home. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Covington Funeral Home. Calling 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Terry F. Gronau**, 64, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben Joseph Lopez**, 22, died Saturday at his home. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Family prayer service 9:15 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Russell K. McMaken**, 82, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Masonic services 7 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Nyquise Ravon Roper**, 6 months, died May 28 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **A. Lucille Reising**, 90, died Sunday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Private services.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

THE EVENING STAR

L. Dawn Egan

GARRETT — L. Dawn Egan, 94, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Egan lived in Garrett and formerly lived in Auburn. She was a sales clerk for Goldblatt's for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1926. She enjoyed bowling and knitting.

She was born April 1, 1908, in Van Buren to John W. and Roxa May (Vincent) Hess.

Her husband, James Egan Jr., preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, C. Sue and Jerry Strup of Auburn; one son, James C. Egan of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one granddaughter, Cathie L. Crowl of Garrett; one grandson, Todd Egan of Dallas; and one great-grandson, Nathan Crowl of Garrett; and two great-granddaughters, Brittney and Whitney Egan of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by one stillborn daughter, Shirley Zook; one sister, Twilight Hess; and one grandson, Jon.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Willms

ANGOLA — Ronald D. Willms, 55, died Monday, June 3, 2002, in a highway accident near Angola.

Mr. Willms was employed by Aro Corp. for 35 years and was a member of the UAW.

He was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Sturgis, Mich., to Wilford and Opal (Thrush) Willms. They preceded him in death.

He married Penny Mable Walz on June 8, 1996, in Fremont, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Willms of Angola and Nathan Willms of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters and one son-in-law, Dawn Willms of Fremont, Debbie and Bradley Fry of Fremont, and Heather Willms of Bryan, Ohio; five siblings, Norman N. Brooks, Areta Chapin, David Willms, James Willms and Janet Mills; and six grandchildren, Skyler Willms, Shayla, Ashley and Hunter Fry, and Taylor and Brandon Bowling.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Pastor John Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Karl Sorg

FORT WAYNE — Karl J. Sorg, 78, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at home.

Mr. Sorg worked for International Harvester Co. for 36 years, retiring in 1981. He was born in Allen County and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lavon "Bonnie" Sorg; four sons, Mark A., Randy G. and Brian J. Sorg, all of Fort Wayne; and Marvin T. Sorg of Hoagland; four daughters, Pamela M. Dancer, Gerilyn A. Hanks and Nancy R. Hartig, all of Fort Wayne, and Paula L. Drewery of Spencerville; a sister, Marie Staight of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dean L. Sorg.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at St. Henry's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 30 minutes prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home. Rosary services are 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses, gifts to the church or Parkview Hospice.

Louise Wallace

SPENCERVILLE — Louise L. Wallace, 85, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Wallace was a homemaker. She was born in Van Wert, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Ross, who died in 1989.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Wallace of Fort Wayne, David Wallace of Sinking Spring, Pa., and Douglas Wallace of Van Wert; six daughters, Mary Balducci of Venice, Fla., Diane Adams of Franklin, Ohio, Judith Kulp of Fort Wayne, Karen Wallace of Wyomissing, Pa., Deborah Lenart of Sinking Spring and Rebecca Stark of Spencerville; a sister, Catharine Shinn of Columbia City; 25 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Services were 9 a.m. northeast Indiana time today at Victory Barn Church in Edgerton, Ohio. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery in Middle Point, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Quad County Dialysis Center in Auburn or the church.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct erroneous information regarding family members of the deceased.

Wednesday, June 5, 2002 (Con.)

Bessie Castator

LIGONIER — Bessie Wilhelmina Castator, 87, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Kingston Health Care Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Castator was a homemaker.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Kendallville to Emil and Caroline Catherine Helen (Engle) Bloomfield. She married Basil LeRoy Castator Dec. 12, 1936, in West Fairfield. He preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1974. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack LeRoy Castator, and four brothers, Melvin, Amos, John and Clarence Bloomfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Rose Elkins of Orville, Wash., Mary Conrad of Ligonier and Debra Eshem of Chester, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Alice Castator of Golden Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Catherine Lucille Wilson of Butler; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of California; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date in Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Ore.

Calling is 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Harlan N. Hursey**, 44, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Memorial services 2 p.m. Saturday at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. Calling follows services at the church.

CROMWELL — **Taulbee M. Walters**, 42, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Jones and Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

CHURUBUSCO — **Roger L. Pence**, 78, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Syier E. Davis**, 1 month, died May 28 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gary Paul Gardner**, 60, died Sunday at his home in Belleair Bluffs, Fla. Memorial services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo, Fla. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Rev. Sherrie M. Keeley, 45, died Sunday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home in Indianapolis.

FORT WAYNE — **Elaine Anne Mantle** died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services 2 p.m. Thursday at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Elizabeth Christine McGinnis** was stillborn Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 10 a.m. Thursday at Catholic Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **David Gordon Walter**, 58, died Monday at Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. Services 3 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Calling one hour prior to services.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002

The Evening Star

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Calling is today from 4-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Betty J. "BJ" Mendenhall**, 79, died Sunday. Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

ANGOLA — **Lucinda A. "Cindy" Shovlin**, 53, died Tuesday at 10:50 p.m. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

AVILLA — **Barbara A. Harding**, 40, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with calling there 10-11 a.m. Calling also Friday with times pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with rosary services there at a pending time.

ALBION — **James J. Neuhouser**, 49, died today at home. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alice Marie Clark**, 80, died Tuesday at Williams Bay Care center, Williams Bay, Wis. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Son Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 9:30-11 a.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Gene Lee O'Dell Crandall**, 77, died Saturday at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Services held.

FORT WAYNE — **William Harper Jr.**, 55, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church with calling 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Sarah M. Dial Jenkins**, 68, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Providence Baptist Church with calling 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lelia "Frankie" Lewis**, 85, died Wednesday at Golden Years Homestead. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Marcella R. McCollum**, 84, died Wednesday at home. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Calling 4-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Vigil services 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy Miller** died Jan. 24. Memorial services 10 a.m. June 15 at Covenant United Methodist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Carolyn J. Timmerman**, 74, died Tuesday at home. Services 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and Order of Eastern Star services 7:30 p.m. today.

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Frank Hoffmann

AUBURN — Frank N. Hoffmann, 64, died Wednesday evening, June 5, 2002, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Hoffmann moved to Auburn two years ago from Glen Rock, N.J. to be closer to his grandchildren.

In Glen Rock, he was a lifetime member and officer of the Glen Rock Ambulance Corps., where he had served for 31 years. He was a delegate to the New Jersey First Aid Council, active with the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Jaycees.

In Auburn, he served on the DeKalb County Emergency Management Association and was a Red Cross volunteer. His most recent job was as a driver for the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

He enjoyed yard work, family pets and garage sales.

He was born in New Jersey to Irene and Hermann Hoffmann, who preceded him in death.

His wife, Joyce (Majka) Hoffmann, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son snd daughter-in-law, Frank G. Hoffmann and Hayley King of Auburn; a daughter, Diane Hoffmann of New Jersey; a sister, Ruth Tiemann; and three grandchildren, Sadie, Otto and Oskar.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling after 7 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to his grandchildren's college funds or to the Glen Rock Ambulance Corps, and may be mailed to the funeral home.

John Richardson

FORT WAYNE — John W. Richardson, 78, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center.

Mr. Richardson was an auditor with the Internal Revenue Service and a U.S. Army veteran. He was born in Johnson County.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Ann Richardson; five sons, Mark Richardson of Auburn, Andrew P. Richardson and John W. "Jack" Richardson III, both of Fort Wayne, Matthew Richardson of Lansing, Mich., and Luke A. Richardson of Spencerville; five daughters, Mary Gwyn Garcia and Mary Monica Richardson, both of Fort Wayne, Mary Catherine Richardson of Indianapolis, Mary Marguerite Richardson of Louisiana and Mary Therese Wood of Kettering, Ohio; a brother, Kenneth Richardson of Georgia; two sisters, Edna Ginther of Venice, Fla., and Helen Sutton of Indianapolis; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Richardson, who died in 1977.

Private family services will be held.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Bishop Dwenger Endowment Fund.

Irene Curdes

DECATUR — Irene Curdes, 92, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur.

Prior to her retirement in 1990, Mrs. Curdes worked for the Parkview Hospital pharmacy, L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne and Mister Donut in Decatur.

She was born in Wells County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Curdes, in 1966.

Surviving are three sisters, Evelyn Ehinger of Fort Wayne, Marcella Freiburger of Zionsville and Mildred Wentland of Garrett; and a brother, Glen Neukom of Garrett.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Decatur Church of God building fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

William Keuneke

LAGRANGE — William "Bill" Keuneke, 72, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at home.

Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Keuneke worked as a draftsman for International Harvester Co. for 33 years.

He was born in Mount Healthy, Ohio, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Keuneke; three brothers, Howard Keuneke of Auburn and Roland and Karl Keuneke, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Evelyn Bender of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 30 minutes prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Home of LaGrange, Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home or Concordia Lutheran Church.

June 7th, 2002 (Con.)

Violet Griffith

HOWE — Violet Griffith, 90, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Rosewalk at Luther Woods in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Griffith worked as secretary to commandant at Howe Military School in Howe starting in 1950. In 1940 she worked on computers for Kroger in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 17, 1911, in Auburn to Fred and Mamie (Jones) Hay. She married Dennis Griffith Oct. 22, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are a son, Richard L. Fisher of Indianapolis; a stepson, George R. Griffith of Richmond; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Homer Hicks**, 67, died Thursday at home. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

ALBION — **James J. Neuhouser**, 49, died Thursday at home. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

AVILLA — **Barbara A. Harding**, 40, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Allesyn Renee Reynolds**, infant, died Wednesday at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Graveside services 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **William R. Andrews**, 84, died Sunday at Palm Garden of Vero Beach, Fla. Memorial services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret I. Michaud**, 91, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 30 minutes prior to services and 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **J.R. "Bob" Rothhaar**, 84, died Wednesday in Muncie. Memorial services 3 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul L. Trier**, 79, died Tuesday at Indianapolis VA Medical Center. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday at Lutheran Home Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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Dorothy Hicks

GARRETT — Dorothy P. "Dot" Speaker Hicks, 91, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at 5:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and avid reader. She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville before moving to Garrett four years ago. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in rural Auburn and was a charter member of AARP.

She was born Aug. 18, 1910, in Jefferson Township to Clinton and Ethel (Sever) Robinette.

She married Charles "Stub" Speaker on Aug. 23, 1927. He died July 12, 1956.

She married Charles Hicks on Nov. 27, 1965. He died Feb. 13, 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Kathie Conrad of Garrett; three sons, Maurice Speaker of Rogersville, Tenn., Terryle Speaker of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lynn Speaker of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers, Harold Robinette of Columbia City and Lowell Robinette of Penn Valley, Calif.; two sisters, Florence Drudge of Milford and Bernice Kinsey of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lyle Speaker; a sister, Ferne Bosworth; and a great-grandson, Leland Speaker.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery of Albion.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation or Shelter Ministries in Auburn.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Brent McCormack

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Brent Lee McCormack, 47, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at 1:45 p.m. in his Hicksville home after an extended illness.

Mr. McCormack owned and operated McCormack Landscaping from 1978 to 1990. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, and a past president of the United Methodist

He served on the Hicksville Board of Education from 1988 to 1995. During that time, he also served on the Four-County Board of Education. He was a past president of the Hicksville Parent Teacher Organization.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1973 and and from Adrian College in 1976.

He was born Nov. 4, 1954, in Muscatine, Iowa, to L. Eugene and B. Jane (Niebel) McCormack. His mother preceded him in death. His father and stepmother, Alice McCormack, survive in Leipsic, Ohio.

He married Jill A. Burley on June 12, 1976, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Matthew I. McCormack of Hicksville; one daughter, Stacie A. McCormack of Hicksville; one sister and brother-in-law, Minda and Ron Jones of Hicksville; a grandmother, Irene Paul of Leipsic; and a granddaughter.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Grace United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Greg Inboden will officiate.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Memorials are to Defiance Area Home Health-Visiting Nurses or Grace United Methodist Church.

Leslie Morgan

KENDALLVILLE — Leslie R. Morgan, 31, died as a result of an extended illness at 7:48 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Ms. Morgan was a student.

She was born to Kathy (Green) Stills in Fort Bragg, Calif., who survives.

Surviving are her son, Daniel Morgan of Kendallville; her stepfather, Robert Sills of Kendallville; three grandparents, Nancy Green of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Bill and Carol Carey of Mountain View, Mont.; two brothers, Aaron Morgan of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Robert "Bobby" Sills of Auburn; and one sister, Keri Sills of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Restoration Lutheran Church, corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville. Pastor Robert Muller will officiate.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2002

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Audrey Stockton

FORT WAYNE — Audrey E. Stockton, 69, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stockton had retired in 1992 as an assembler at Wayne Home Equipment and was a member of Harvest Christian Fellowship and Parkview Service Club.

She was born Jan 30, 1933, in Garrett.

She married William A. Stockton on Nov. 24, 1953, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Craig Hamlin of Kendallville; two sisters, Imogene Woods of Albuquerque, N.M., and Alice Lovell of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Duane DeVaux; and two grandchildren, Marc and Matthew Hamlin of Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel.

Services are pending for Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Bobby Wicker

ANGOLA — Bobby Gene Wicker, 53, of rural Angola, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at 12:08 a.m., shortly after he was admitted to Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wicker was employed by S.E. Johnson for the last two months and worked for One Stop Auto in Angola for two years, Ferro Corp. in Stryker, Ohio, for 15 years and the Chessie System railroad in Lima, Ohio, for 20 years. He was a member of the Wapakoneta, Ohio, Eagles and the Lima Moose Lodge.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War.

He was born Dec. 10, 1948, in Lima, to Melvin and Oma (Handshoe) Wicker. They preceded him in death.

On April 25, 1970, in Lima, he married Patricia I. Rechtine, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lori Lynne Wells and Lucinda "Cindy" Konrad, both of Angola; five brothers, Franklin Nester of Fremont, Woodrow Wicker and Babe Wicker, both of Houston, Texas, and Cloyd Wicker and Steve Wicker, both of Butler; two sisters, Judy Stark of Lima and Teresa Kay Waterman of Angola; and three grandchildren, Breane Wicker, Jacob Wells and Emma Konrad, all of Angola.

A brother, Melvin Darrell Wicker, and a sister, Frieda Joyce Wicker, preceded him in death.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery near Angola with military rites by the Angola American Legion post.

Memorials are to the family.

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She was a student and had lived in Kendallville for four years, after moving from California.

She was born Sept. 7, 1970, in Fort Bragg, Calif.

Surviving are a son, Daniel Morgan of Kendallville; her mother and stepfather, who raised her, Kathy (Green) Sills and Robert Sills of Kendallville; her maternal grandmother, Nancy Green of Fort Bragg, Calif.; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Carol Carey of Mountain View, Mo.; two brothers, Aaron Morgan of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Robert "Bobby" Sills of Auburn; and one sister, Keri Sills of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Restoration Lutheran Church on the corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville. Pastor Robert Muller will officiate.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Diane Norem

FORT WAYNE — Diane Gaff Norem, 55, a Churubusco native and Fort Wayne resident, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at 8:33 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been in failing health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past two years.

Mrs. Norem attended St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing and had worked as a licensed practical nurse in several Fort Wayne medical facilities. She also assisted her husband with the operation of Norem Realty Inc. She was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Raised in Churubusco, she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1965.

She was born March 20, 1947, in Allen County to Ray L. and Betty (Herr) Gaff. Her mother died March 10, 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Garry L. Norem. They married in 1985 and spent all their marriage as residents of Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her father and his wife, Ray L. and Katie Gaff of Muncie; a son, Michael Fancher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lisa Fancher of Monroeville; and two brothers, Steven L. Gaff of Churubusco and Jeff L. Gaff of Muncie.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Donna Goings and the Rev. Phil Emerson will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be at the church Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to the church, the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., Cancer Services of Allen County or a charity of the donor's choice.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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June 9, 2002 (Con.)

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Catherine Krouse Burns**, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Catherine Phillips**, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at her home. Services will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from 4-7 p.m..

FORT WAYNE — **Henry George LaMaster**, 76, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., with a 3:30 p.m. vigil service. Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, with calling from 10-11 a.m..

EDGERTON, Ohio — **Stanley J. "John" Carr**, 69, died Friday at Cleveland Clinic. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville, Ohio. Calling Monday from 1-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 7-10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Paul Smith

HUDSON — Paul E. Smith, 95, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at 5:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Smith was a lifetime farmer and had lived in rural Hudson since 1944. He was affiliated with the Helmer United Methodist Church.

He was born April 30, 1907, in Garrett to Leonard and Minnie (Lash) Smith.

He married Blanche H. Hose on Oct., 1, 1927, in Angola. She died Oct. 3, 1984.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Harold D. and Pat Smith of rural Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Pauline J. and Harry Worden of Williston, Fla.; one sister, Leah Larkin of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Denny and Randy Worden, and Roger, Rory and Rick Smith; nine great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kyle, Michael, Matthew, Eric, Joel, Julie, Lisa and Carla; and four great-great-grandchildren, Trevor, Tyler, Brittany and Madison.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul J. Smith, in 1950, and a granddaughter, Karen Smith.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home at Hudson, with the Rev. Glenda Ray Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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Beverly Duesterhaus

CARMEL, Ind. — Beverly A. (Donkerbrook) Duesterhaus, 68, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, in Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

She owned and operated Perfect Ten Salon and Day Spa in Carmel for 19 years and was a homemaker. She lived in Carmel and was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. She was a member of Eastern Star in Moline, Ill.

She was born Sept. 20, 1933, in Detroit, Mich.

Surviving her are her husband, Paul J. Duesterhaus; two daughters, Pamela R. Cassady and Brenda J. Reed; three sons, Johnathan T. Chalfant, David B. Chalfant and Nicholas H.A. Frankville; one sister, Wendy Esposito; one brother, Thomas Donkerbrook; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Flanner & Buchanan Carmel Mortuary, 325 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel, with calling after 10 a.m.

Calling is today from today from 6-8 p.m. in the mortuary.

Memorials are to Chaucie's Place.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Howard W. Greer**, 73, died Saturday at home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

ANDERSON — **Beulah Mae Smith**, 81, died Friday at America Living Center in Anderson. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Fruriip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

BLUFFTON — **Hubert "Hank" Hankins**, 80, died Saturday at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Thoma Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Otto Henry Gunkler**, 81, died Saturday at Woodview Manor Health Care. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **George A.H. Krumwiede**, 90, died Sunday at home. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

Wayne Hagerty

HAMILTON — Wayne E. Hagerty, 72, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1974, Mr. Hagerty was an Alaska state trooper for 13 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born in DeKalb County.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; three sons, Denzlo and Stacy Hagerty, both of Hamilton, and Kelly Hagerty of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kerry Hagerty of Indianapolis; three brothers, Bernard Hagerty of Jackson, Mich., Thomas Hagerty of North Carolina, and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville; two sisters, Eleanor Chevillot of Hamilton and Lela Jackson of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Carrie E. Hostetler**, 93, died Monday in Goshen. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Blanche M. Tarman**, 86, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Services at 3 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald Beuthin**, 81, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Juanita H. Bray**, 92, died Friday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hudson Funeral Chapel in Durham, N.C. Calling 7 to 9 p.m. today at her daughter's home in Durham.

FORT WAYNE — **Ellen L. Sanders**, 82, died Monday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty J. Myers**, 77, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Judy Lee Fouts Shideler**, 61, died June 5 in Portland, Ore. Services in Portland. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at her brother's home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Brian E. Sutton**, 35, died Sunday at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara Jean McKibben Thomas**, 76, died Sept. 30, 2001, in Austin, Texas. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Roscoe Cemetery in Roscoe, Ill. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Cleveland Walker Jr.**, 79, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

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Gladys Collins

ORLAND — Gladys H. Collins, 98, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in Drew's Place of Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker and lived in Orland. She graduated from Kendallville High School and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Orland.

She was born Aug. 29, 1903, in Kendallville to William and Martha (Brouse) Herberger.

She married A.B. Collins on May 5, 1937. He died Jan. 14, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, Michael Collins of Orland; one daughter, Martha Sue Shaw of Coldwater; one nephew, Bob Herberger of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational Church of Orland, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Hospice Care of Branch County, 117 W. Chicago St., Coldwater MI 49036.

Lois Wilder

PLEASANT LAKE — Lois I. (Kelley) Wilder, 81, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in her Pleasant Lake home.

Mrs. Wilder was a homemaker and lived in Steuben County all her life. She attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

She was born Jan. 4, 1921, in Steuben County to James N. and Edna (Thrush) Kelley.

She married Carl Wilder on June 6, 1936. He died Aug. 14, 1997.

Surviving are one son, Jerry C. Wilder of Angola; three daughters, Nancy E. Deller and Pat A. Dirrim, both of Fort Wayne, and Janet I. Gessaman of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Helen Montgomery, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held, with Pastor Darold L. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Jerry Lee Schad**, 59, died Tuesday at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola. Services 1 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at Shiffler Cemetery in Bryan, Ohio. Calling one hour prior to services at Rice Funeral Home in Bryan.

FORT WAYNE — **Kay DeFord**, 63, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ruth F. Hamilton**, 80, died Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Thelma R. VanNest**, 80, died Sunday at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis. Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis. Rosary service 8 p.m. today and prayer service 9:30 a.m. Thursday, both at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Clarence C. Wesner**, 70, died Tuesday at his residence in rural Whitley County. Services pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **William H. Douglas**, 78, died Monday. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude A. Noyer**, 99, died Tuesday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **George E. Rathert**, 77, died Tuesday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Praise Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour before services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **De'Mario Z. Taylor-Cuffer**, an infant, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. No calling.

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Noretta Reinig

AUBURN — Noretta Reinig, 65, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at 10:28 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Dean Rose

ANGOLA — Dean Erwin Rose, 81, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at the DeMay Living Center in Newark, N.Y.

Mr. Rose was owner-operator of Rose Restaurant in Flint, Mich., then became a representative for the Superior Coffee Co. in eastern Michigan and Rochester, N.Y.

He served in the 8th Air Force in England during World War II and was a member of the Lions Club and a Methodist church in Webster, N.Y.

He was born Jan. 3, 1921, to Graydon and Wilmet (Aldrich) Rose in Angola. He graduated from Angola High School and attended Michigan State University. He married Geneva Warstler of Garrett June 1, 1941, at the Garrett Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deanna Stevens of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; two sons, Gary Rose of San Diego and David Rose of Fairmont, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Harriet Aughinbaugh of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Martha Latson of Angola; three brothers, Duane and Ronald Rose, both of Angola, and Charles Rose of Bluffton, S.C.

Services are June 22 in Webster, N.Y. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola at a pending day and time.

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KENDALLVILLE — **Jimmy E. Barr**, 61, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Calling two hours prior to service.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Clarence C. Wesner**, 70, died Tuesday at his residence in rural Columbia City. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Graveside services 2 p.m. Friday at Gardens of Memory, north of Muncie. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial services by the Churubusco Masonic Lodge 5:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Lillian Ann Douglas**, 57, died Wednesday at Hospice Home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **M. Evelyn Gaffney**, 82, died Monday at Palm Gardens of Ocala, Fla. Services 11 a.m. Friday at the chapel at Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert L. Gutreuter**, 67, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services at the chruch and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Rufus L. James**, 50, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services noon Saturday at Spiritual Israel Church in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **William G. Marling**, 66, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 3 p.m. at Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald F. May**, 93, died March 4 at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Waynedale United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. No calling.

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Noretta Reinig

AUBURN — Noretta I. Reinig, 65, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at 10:28 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reinig was a homemaker in Auburn.

She was born May 13, 1937, in Hamilton to Dillon and Reba (Boyer) Dangler.

She married Ralph Reinig on May 9, 1963, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mark Reinig of Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Kiff Hughes of Edon, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Candis and Kisha Cole.

One brother, Ray D. Dangler, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Paul Williams

FORT WAYNE — Paul J. Williams, 71, died Thursday, June 13, 2002, at his Fort Wayne home.

He was a self-employed painter and a veteran of the U.S. Army and Navy. He was born in Howard County.

Surviving are one son, Paul of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Lisa Madrid of Fort Wayne; one brother, John Williams of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Tonia Barfell of Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling.

D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Daunte Powell

AUBURN — Daunte Bryce Powell was stillborn Wednesday, June 12, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Mark and Christina (Caldwell) Powell of Auburn; one brother, Drayke Powell, at home; his grandparents, Del Caldwell of Waterloo, and Bill and Linda Powell of Auburn; his great-grandparents, Theo and Jim Clouse of Hudson; his aunts and uncles, Melissa and Delmar Belson of Yankton, S.D., Cathy and Kenneth Treesh of Waterloo, Matt and Chanda Caldwell of Auburn, Bill and Amy Powell of Auburn, and Scott and Michelle Powell of Blakeslee, Ohio; nine cousins, Ehrin, Katie, Jessica and Nathan Nelson, Levi and Autumn Treesh, Olivia Caldwell, Mataya Sims and Vincent Trauech; and several great-aunts and great-uncles.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Dona Noirot; and his great-grandparents, Leo and Ruth Noirot, Oren and Ida Caldwell, John and Dorothy Powell, and Jesse Roose.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Ashes will be scattered at Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, in care of Nancy Carper, and New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Walter Koch

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Walter R. Koch, 77, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, Mo.

Before retiring Mr. Koch worked as a custodian with the Cabool IV Schools in Cabool, Mo., for 20 years. Prior to relocating in Missouri, he lived in Butler, where he worked at Universal Tools Inc. for 12 years, and Kendallville, where he worked at Kendallville Lumber Co. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the First Christian Church of Cabool and a life member of the American Legion Post in Cabool and the American Rabbit Breeders Association. He collected miniature cars, trucks and farm macvhinery.

He was born May 24, 1925, in Bryan, Ohio, to Earnest Walter and Rose Mabel (Ridge) Koch. He graduated from Stryker High School in 1943. He married Myrta L. Pike of Montpelier June 5, 1958. She preceded him in death July 25, 1993.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Grace and James Klender of Pioneer, Ohio, Margaret and Rell L. Myers of Montpelier, Carol and Brook Franklin of Mountain Grove, Mo.; five nieces; and five nephews.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier. Pastor Rick Burton will officiate. Burial will be in West Buffalo Cemetery near Blakeslee, Ohio, with military graveside rites conducted by Montpelier Veteran Organizations.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

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FREMONT — **Wendell R. "Pat" Munger**, 90, of Snow Lake, died Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Lake George Lutheran Chapel in Fremont. A family and friends gathering at the church will follow the service.

FORT WAYNE — **Sara Louise Mozingo**, 38, died Wednesday at her residence in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling one hour prior to service.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilma E. Prouty Key**, 81, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb &Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald C. Weidner**, 45, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital in Beach Grove. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at G.H. Herman Funeral Home in Greenwood. Calling 5 to 9 p.m. today.

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Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Wilma E. Prouty Key**, 81, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 7810 St. Joe Center Road, in Fort Wayne with calling one hour before services. Calling is also today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Lillian Ann Douglas**, 57, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services are today at 11 a.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

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Daunte Powell

AUBURN — Daunte Bryce Powell was stillborn Wednesday, June 12, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Mark and Christina (Caldwell) Powell of Auburn; one brother, Drayke Powell, at home; his grandparents, Del Caldwell of Waterloo, and Bill and Linda Powell of Waterloo; his great-grandparents, Theo and Jim Clouse of Hudson; his aunts and uncles, Melissa and Delmar Nelson of Yankton, S.D., Cathy and Kenneth Treesh of Waterloo, Matt and Chanda Caldwell of Auburn, Bill and Amy Powell of Auburn, and Scott and Michelle Powell of Blakeslee, Ohio; nine cousins, Ehrin, Katie, Jessica and Nathan Nelson, Levi and Autumn Treesh, Olivia Caldwell, Mataya Sims and Vincent Trausch; and several great-aunts and great-uncles.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Dona Noirot; and his great-grandparents, Leo and Ruth Noirot, Oren and Ida Caldwell, John and Dorothy Powell, and Jesse Roose.

A memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Ashes will be scattered at Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Odis Gayheart

ROME CITY — Odis Gayheart, 58, of Rome City died Thursday, June 13, 2002, at his home.

Gayheart had worked in production for 25 years at Eaton Corp. in Auburn, formerly Dana. He was a member of the Church of the True God in Jesus Name in South Milford and the United Auto Workers.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1943, in Hazard, Ky., to Ashley Taylor and Rilda B. (Russell) Gayheart.

He had lived in Rome City since 1964. On April 10, 1965, he married Vivian Patrick, who survives.

Surviving are his mother, of Lots Creek, Ky.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Odis Gayheart Jr. of Kendallville, Larry and Brenda Gayheart of Rome City, and Gary and Chris Gayheart of Rome City; one sister, Janice Shepherd of Lots Creek, Ky.; three brothers, Anderson "Pete" Gayheart of Lots Creek, Ky., Higgins Gayheart of Sarasota, Fla., and Danny Gayheart of Michigan; and three granddaughters, Morreen Gayheart, Odessa Gayheart and MaKayla Gayheart.

Mr. Gayheart

He was preceded in death by his father; a son, Ronnie Dean Gayheart; and a daughter, Patricia Ann Gayheart.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Kathryn Wagner

LAGRANGE — Kathryn G. Wagner, 85, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at 3:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was the retired owner of Bronson Greenhouse in Bronson, Mich. She was a former secretary for Robinson Insurance Agency in LaGrange. She lived her entire life in LaGrange and Bronson. She was a member of Coterie Club in LaGrange and the LaGrange Bowling League.

She was born Aug. 29, 1916, in LaGrange to Clarence and Agnes (Minich) Robinson.

Surviving her are one daughter, Charlene Wagner of Fort Wayne; two sons, Alan Wagner of LaGrange and Robert Wagner of Manitou Beach, Mich.; one sister, Marjorie Falkenstein of Denver, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Maynard Robinson; and two sisters, Vera Slack and Helen Zimmerman.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling after 11 a.m. Pastor Jeff Farnham will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Donovan L. "Lefty" Gatian**, 70, died Thursday. Services Monday at 2 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling after 1 p.m. Calling Sunday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Erma K. Simmons**, 96, died Friday. Services Monday at 1 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling after 11 a.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth R. Crewdson**, 71, died Friday. Celebration of life Sunday at 2 p.m. at Connie and Jerry Wilson's home, 6808 Shoaff Road.

FORT WAYNE — **William Alton Ward**, 81, died Thursday. Graveside memorial services Monday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, with military honors.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marlene Jeanette Townsend**, 65, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Carol Houser

KENDALLVILLE — Carol LaVon Houser, 62, died Saturday, June 15, at 11:43 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a nurse's aide and lived in Kendallville for eight years. She graduated from Huntertown High School. She was a volunteer and member of the resident council at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She was involved in activities and enjoyed socializing with residents and their families. She was an avid crafter. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. She was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Noble County Extension Homemakers Club.

Miss Houser was born June 30, 1939, in Garrett to Carl E. "Dutch" and Harriett E. (Moudy) Houser. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Ray Parker of LaOtto; a brother, Max G. Houser of LaOtto; three aunts and one uncle, Ruth and Robert Lee of Auburn, Dora Houser of Auburn and Louise Houser of North Fort Myers, Fla.; six nieces, eight great-nieces and great-nephews and several cousins.

An infant twin sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

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Norma Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Norma V. (Savage) Robinson, 78, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a logistic analyst with Magnavox Co. for 27 years, retiring in 1986. She graduated from Leo High School in 1942 and was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne. She enjoyed needlework, the outdoors and spending time with her family.

She was born May 7, 1924, in Allen County.

She married Robert E. Robinson on March 4, 1945, in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Marsha A. Hughes of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Dallas Savage of Auburn, and Richard G. Savage and Maynard Savage, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Patricia M. Quance of Nina, Mo.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Czerney L., Lorne V. and Darwin S. Savage, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Intensive Care.

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FORT WAYNE — **Wanda Marie Bobay**, 84, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Louise "Bird" Burnett**, 57, died Wednesday at her home in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Theodore Hallien**, 92, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Leroy H. Kanning**, 90, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **David Louis Runkle**, 25, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **William L. Weagant**, 83, died Sunday at Riverbend Health Center. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, Covington Knolls. Calling 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Joe Dudley Younger,** 64, died Friday in Tallahassee, Fla. Services 10 a.m. northeast Indiana time at Beggs Apalachee Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Rev. Charles Wirt**, 81, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Howard Reinoehl

TIPP CITY, Ohio — Howard P. Reinoehl, 83, died Monday, June 17, 2002, in Troy, Ohio.

He retired from General Motors, where he worked as an aeronautical engineer. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He lived in Tipp City and volunteered his services for the Tipp City FISH during his early retirement.

Mr. Reinoehl was born Jan. 4, 1919, in Hudson, to Clarence and Zama (Dole) Reinoehl.

Surviving are his wife, Lula Riley; one daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Don Aragona of Parkside, Pa.; one sister, Martha Meek of Angola; five grandchildren, Lisa Lees, Lara Kilgariff, Carissa Aragona, Tyler Reinoehl and Travis Reinoehl; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Gary Reinoehl, and a brother, Harold Reinoehl, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Frings & Bayliff Funeral Home, Tipp City, with Pastor Dan Perrin officiating. Burial will be in Wheelock Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

LaVern Hamman

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — LaVern C. Hamman, 78, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and the salutatorian of Fremont High School Class of 1943. He lived in Montgomery, Mich., and formerly lived in Fremont. He enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Hamman was born March 9, 1924, in Branch County, Mich., to Estell and Elzie (Root) Hamman.

Surviving him are two sisters, June Miller and Reah Grove, both of Fremont; and a companion, Ruth Hartwig of Angola.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery, Montgomery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Deaths & Funerals

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002

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Delores Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Delores M. Johnson, 69, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker. She was born in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth R. Johnson; two daughters, Debra G. Noll and Toni K. Hunter, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Kenneth A. Johnson and Rickie J. Johnson, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Norma Sproat of Auburn, Constance Olry of Fort Wayne and Judith Sleesman of Detroit; her stepmother, Gladys Wright of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Friday at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

No calling.

Funeral arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Thomas M. Lower**, 69, died Tuesday at his residence in Wellston, Mich. Services 6 p.m. Friday at the Terwilliger Funeral Home in Kaleva, Mich. Local services will be held at a later date in LaGrange.

ROME CITY — **Thomas Edward "Ed" Baker**, 55, died Wednesday at the VA Hospital in Marion. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Russell L. Greene**, 66, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Rose A. Blake**, 64, died Tuesday at home. Services 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kenneth D. Robbins**, 52, died Tuesday at home. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia City. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **George J. "Bud" Adams**, 79, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Tommy L. Brown**, 51, died Sunday at home. Services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **George August Furste**, 80, died Monday at Westview Hospital in Indianapolis. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Zionsville Presbyterian Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruby J. Hall**, 84, died Tuesday at home. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Lonnie F. Hubbard**, 51, died Tuesday. Services 7 p.m. Friday at Hospice Care Chapel in Madison, Wis. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **James E. Link**, 61, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **David T. Long**, 27, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Faye M. McNulty**, 96, died Tuesday at St. Anne Home. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne. Graveside services 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Huntington. Calling 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at St. Anne Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Colleen May Guhl Mercurio**, 76, died Wednesday in Rhode Island. Services 10 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at First Lutheran Church in East Greenwich, R.I. Calling 3 to 7 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at Hill Funeral Home in East Greenwich.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna D. Thiebeault**, 22, died Tuesday in Berne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Thursday, June 20th, 2002

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph P. Walker**, 63, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Rae Ellen Roderer**, 67, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Friday at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 3:30 to 5 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Lillian S. Roser,** 91, died. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

Wandus Babcock

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wandus C. Babcock, 92, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at Ossian Health & Rehabilitation Center in Ossian.

Mrs. Babcock worked for Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1974. She was born in Garrett and formerly resided in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are a son, Richard Babcock of Bryan, Ohio; two daughters, Betty Leavell of Hicksville and Ruth Schoenle of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Kathryn Cooper of Sherwood, Ohio, and Vera Newenschwander of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Babcock.

Services are 9 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is two hours prior to services and after 2 p.m. northeast Indiana time today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Defiance County Senior Services Auxiliary Alzheimer's fund or the Williams County Cancer Society, Bryan, Ohio.

Area Deaths

NEW ALBANY — **Karen L. Reed Arnold**, 41, died Saturday in Auburndale, Fla. Services were 10 a.m. today at Kraft Funeral Service in New Albany.

LAGRANGE — **Edwin J. Eash**, 79, died Thursday at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Clela R. Atwater**, 87, died Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Fruip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

ROME CITY — **Thomas Edward "Ed" Baker**, 55, died Wednesday at Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris E. Bernhardt**, 96, died Wednesday at Harborside Healthcare Center in New Haven. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy Calhoun** died Wednesday in Selma, Ala. Services and calling Tuesday in Selma.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred L. DeGrasse**, 76, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 3 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen M. Reinking**, 90, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Roger W. Shafer**, 84, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Masonic services 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **John Harold Rector,** 75, died Wednesday in Baileytown, Tenn. Services 8 p.m. today at Kiser Funeral Chapel in Greeneville, Tenn. Graveside services 10 a.m. Saturday at Pine Grove Cemetery near Baileytown. Calling two hours prior to services today and 15 minutes prior to graveside services.

FORT WAYNE — **E. William Steinforth Jr.**, 81, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Waynedale United Methodist Church. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wincheste Road Chapel.

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Richard Christlieb

CORUNNA — Richard Lee Christlieb III, 17, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in a car accident on C.R. 19.

He was a student, a member of the DeKalb High School Future Farmers of America and DeKalb County 4-H.

Christlieb

Christlieb was born Sept. 12, 1984, in Kendallville to Richard Lee Jr. and Jill (Stackhouse) Christlieb. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are a brother, Kurtis Christlieb, at home; his grandparents, Ralph and Carroll Stackhouse of Corunna, and Ed and Fran Linthicum of Garrett; a girlfriend, Jo Anne Dobrovodsky of Auburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Margaret Ralston

ANGOLA — Margaret M. Ralston, 75, died Friday, June 21, 2002 in Lee Memorial Health Park in Fort Myers, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **William S. Grawcock**, 93, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

ANGOLA — **Margaret M. Ralston**, 75, died Friday at Lee Memorial Health Park in Fort Myers, Fla. Services pending.

FORT WAYNE — **Roger W. Shafer**, 84, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Calling 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday and a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen M. Reinking**, 90, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Services 2 p.m. today at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris E. Bernhardt**, 96, died Wednesday at Harborside Healthcare Center in New Haven. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **E. William Steinforth Jr.**, 80, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. today at Waynedale United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred L. DeGrasse**, 76, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 3 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

William Grawcock

ALBION — William S. Grawcock, 93, of Albion, died at 6:20 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 14, 1909, in Churubusco, he was born to JB and Nettie (Shirley) Grawcock.

His first wife Neva (Hunt) Grawcock died in 1964. He married Ruby (Barhan) Grawcock in December 1969. She survives.

Mr. Grawcock was a farmer and real estate broker and lived most of his life in Noble County.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Albion Lions Club. Mr. Grawcock graduated from Albion High School in 1927 and from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich. in 1931.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two sons and daughters-in-law, Arthur and Esther Grawcock, Avilla, and Brent and Julie Grawcock, Albion; a daughter, Mary Lee Moldenhauer, Omaha, Neb.; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Grawcock Lane; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Grawcock, preceded him in death on March 9, 1986. A son-in-law, Howard Moldenhauer, a half-brother, Art Grawcock, and a sister, Marjorie, also preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Abion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to the Albion Lions Club.

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Sunday, June 23rd, 2002
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William Bonar

BIG LAKE — William David Bonar, 50, died at approximately 1 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2002.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Helen Davidson Mitchell**, 90, Fort Wayne, died Friday. Services at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James A. "Jim" Mellinger**, 77, Fort Wayne, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8404 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 IN 930 E. New Haven.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Effie Gillum**, 82, died Saturday at Riverbend Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco. Calling one hour prior to the service and 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marie E. Westphal**, 95, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. Services are pending.

Deaths & Funerals

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2002

The Evening Star

Betty Smith

ANGOLA — Betty J. Smith, 77, died Friday, June 21, 2002, in her Angola home, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and had resided in Alexandria for most of her life. She moved to Angola two years ago. She and her husband also spent winters in Bushnell, Fla., for 16 years.

She attended Our Blessed Savior Lutheran Church in Alexandria and worked with a group that prepared church dinners. She enjoyed shopping and selling at garage sales. She bowled for several years, was an avid fisherman and loved music. She was a home organist for several years. She enjoyed crocheting and gave many gifts of her hand-crocheted afghans.

She was born Feb. 15, 1925, in Logansport to Walter and Maud (Searfoss) Powell.

She married Hubert Kenneth Smith on Sept. 5, 1941, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Louis and Linda Smith of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Leon Knigga of Alexandria, and Donetta and Robert Dodd of Daleville; three sisters, Marigrace Heckathorne and Jeannette Pyle, both of Frankfort, and Joanna Brown of Cicero; a sister-in-law, Margaret Pyle of Tipton; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Michael and Brian Dodd; a brother, Luther Powell; and a sister, Marian Jones.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Noffze Funeral Home, 501 N. Harrison St., Alexandria. Pastor Joseph Stark III of Our Blessed Savior Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Middletown.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the elevator fund at the church.

Deaths & Funerals

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2002

The Evening Star

Margaret Ralston

ANGOLA — Margaret M. Ralston, 75, died Friday, June 21, 2002, at the Lee Memorial Health Park Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla.

A resident of the Angola area for 70 years, she had been living in Fort Myers.

Mrs. Ralston was a homemaker and worked at First Federal Savings & Loan in Angola for six years. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, the Steuben County Women's Club, Cameron Hospital Auxiliary and Daughters of the Nile-Teti Sheri Temple. She was a member and former president of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and she volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Her hobbies were golf, reading and playing bridge.

She was born May 13, 1927, in St. Joe to Charles and Maude (Harman) Hellinger.

She married Gerald W. Ralston on Aug. 14, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, G. Craig Ralston of Angola; three daughters, Diane Stock of Angola, Cheryl Goudy of Angola and Cathy Huner of Mount Vernon, Ill.; one sister, Helen Firestone of Angola; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Carrie Jane Cox and Alice Hellinger; and one brother, Harmon Hellinger.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Ron Walters officiating.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 12:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Gerald and Margaret Ralston Scholarship Fund at Tri-State University and/or to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Urban Fortman

AVILLA — Urban Frank Fortman, 89, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fortman was a farmer and a lifetime resident of rural Avilla. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born Jan. 28, 1913, to Henry and Anna (Barlage) Fortman.

Surviving are six nieces, Marty Filloff, Nancy Rorick, Pat Hatcher, Kathy Salisbury, Diane Clark and Mary Lou Smith; and three nephews, Jerry Fortman, John Fortman and Tom Fortman.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Louis Fortman, Clarence Fortman and Carl Fortman.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses to the Church or the Cemeterium Endowment Fund.

Jerry Hulse

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — A graveside memorial service for Jerry L. Hulse, 77, known as the "gentleman traveler" for 32 years at the Los Angeles Times, will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Mr. Hulse

Mr. Hulse died Jan. 25, 2002, in Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Calif., from complications following surgery for a double hernia.

He and his wife, Jody, searched for and found her birth mother, Edith Neukom of Auburn, when Jody was gravely ill in the 1970s. Their search for medical history information was successful and her life was prolonged. He told Jody's story in 1976 in a book, "Jody," which was published in 15 countries and made into a television movie. Jody died in 1995.

Mr. Hulse was editor of the Los Angeles Times travel section from 1960 through 1991, often traveling 100,000 miles a year. He joined the times as a general assignment reporter in 1952 and covered the 1955 opening of Disneyland. He received two Pulitzer Prize nominations.

He was born Sept. 5, 1924, in Grand Junction, Colo.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Simi Valley, Calif., and Bo of Marina del Rey, Calif.; two grandchildren, Robert and Jenny; two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law, Donald and Pat Neukom of Fort Wayne, and Dale Neukom of Garrett; three nieces, Cheri Lamle and Debra Casey, both of Fort Wayne, and Connie Cox of Columbia City; and a nephew, Dale Neukom Jr. of Garrett.

Tuesday, June 25th, 2002 (Con.)

Area Deaths

Thelma Petre

MARION — Thelma Louise Petre, 87, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at 5:38 a.m. in Marion General Hospital.

Mrs. Petre was a homemaker and formerly lived in Hamilton. She most recently had been a resident of Bradner Village Nursing Home in Marion. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 19, 1915, in Elkhart to John M. and Louise A. (Keegler) Martin.

She married Roderick M. Petre on July 12, 1936. He died Jan. 5, 1962.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald E. Petre of Marion and Martin M. Petre of Angola; five daughters, Phyllis Butts, Carolyn R. Petre, Sandra Petre, Barbara Betz and Brenda Frisch, all of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Curtis L. Petre and Roderick Petre Jr.; one daughter, Luella Parrott; one brother, Ernest Martin Sr.; and two sisters, Anna Hunter and Bertha Gonderman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association.

COLDWATER, Mich. — **Kenneth Ray Reichard**, 76, died Saturday. He was a former resident of Fremont. Services Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after 2 p.m.

BIG LAKE — **William "Wild" David Bonar**, 50, died Saturday near Wilmot. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Delaney Christine VanLue** died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Leo Cemetery in Leo-Cedarville. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Bruce L. Johnson**, 90, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Deloris Pauline Bradley**, 84, died Friday in Santa Ana, Calif. Services 2 p.m. today at White & Day Colonial Mortuary in Redono Beach, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — **Marian Elizabeth "Mimi" Girod**, 48, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bluffton Church of the Nazarene. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Gladys J. Gorrell**, 88, died Sunday at Byron Health Care. Services at noon Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dolores M. Haslup**, 87, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Saint Anne Home Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Glen W. "Paw" Jimison**, 85, died Sunday at home. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Frank M. Serrani**, 91, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Rose Ann Jacikas**, 82, died June 19 in Fair Oaks, Calif. Services were held in California.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilma Jean Boyer Shoup**, 82, died May 28 at home. Services 10:45 a.m. Sunday at North Christian Church in Fort Wayne. No calling.

Deaths & Funerals

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2002

The Evening Star

Joseph Willard

LAGRANGE — Joseph J. Willard, 94, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Willard was personnel manager at Borg-Warner Corp. Spring Division in Bellwood, Ill., and moved to LaGrange from Chicago in 1978. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, the Elks Lodge of Sturgis, Mich., and the Moose Lodge of LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 24, 1908, to Carl S. and May E. (Scott) Willard in Ashley. He married Alma Farrar, who preceded him in death. He then married Myra Cornish, who preceded him in death. He then married Elsie R. Hlava on Aug. 21, 1965, in Park Ridge, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. David (Merrily) Fantus of Crystal Lake, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Donna Willard of Island Lake, Ill.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Louise Payne of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Phyllis Harter of Auburn.

Also preceding him in death are two brothers, C. Dey Willard and Ransom Willard.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Stanley Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Howe.

Calling is from 2- 4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Community Foundation Willard Scholarship.

This obituary is being republished to correct an error in information provided to this newspaper.

Ronald Stahl

ASHLEY — Ronald L. Stahl, 61, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 1:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stahl worked at Auburn Gear in Auburn and lived in Ashley.

He was born June 14, 1941, in Ashley to Wilber and Betty (Kessler) Stahl. His mother survives in Ashley and his father preceded him in death.

He married Dorothy Bry in 1961 in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Stahl of Pleasant Lake and Gregory Stahl of Quincy, Mich.; one daughter, Deborah Stahl of Ashley; three grandsons and one granddaughter.

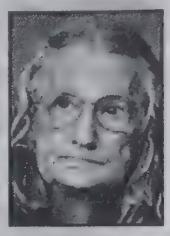
Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Thelma Petre

MARION — Thelma Louise Petre, 87, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at 5:38 a.m. in Marion General Hospital.



Mrs. Petre

Mrs. Petre was a homemaker and formerly lived in Hamilton. She most recently had been a resident of Bradner Village Nursing Home in Marion. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 19, 1915, in Elkhart to John M. and Louise A. (Keegler) Martin.

She married Roderick M. Petre on July 12, 1936. He died Jan. 5, 1962.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald E. Petre of Marion and Martin M. Petre of Angola; five daughters, Phyllis Butts, Carolyn R. Petre, Sandra Petre, Barbara Betz, all of Fort Wayne, and Brenda Frisch of Chesterton; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Curtis L. Petre and Roderick Petre Jr.; one daughter, Luella Parrott; one brother, Ernest Martin Sr.; and two sisters, Anna Hunter and Bertha Gonderman.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Burial was to be in South Scott Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association.

Wednesday, June 26th, 2002 (Con)

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Marie E. Westphal**, 95, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Earl L. Layman**, 94, died Monday at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel in Fort Wayne.

TOPEKA — **Dr. Kenneth M. Lehman**, 81, died Monday at his residence. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Topeka Mennonite Church. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Donna Jean Stroup**, 64, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Cameron Jerome Banks**, 13, died Sunday at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Claude A. Berkshire**, 85, died Monday at his residence. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with rosary at 4:45 p.m. and vigil at 8:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Dale W. Grimsley**, 74, died Monday at his daughter's residence in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Morgan Webster Nay Funeral Home in Madison. Calling two hours prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. today, with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Zelda Z. Harrison**, 69, died Monday at her residence. Services 5 p.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Garth B. Miller**, 79, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Scott Clark Sauer**, 18, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **George H. Turner**, 76, died Monday at Kingston Care Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles I. Vacanti,** 80, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at noon Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruthie K. Watkins**, 65, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at True Love Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Lucy Wells**, 81, died Tuesday at her residence. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Church of God of Prophecy in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

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Ruth Conner

FORT WAYNE — Ruth M. Conner, 81, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at her Fort Wayne home.

Mrs. Conner was a housekeeper with Towne House Retirement Home for 23 years, retiring in 1990. She was born in Cecil, Ohio, and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1939.

She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Fellowship and loved her church, praying and reading her Bible daily.

Her husband, Lavern "Boney" Conner, preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are four daughters, Barbara Brackert of Trumbull, Conn., Carolyn Conner of Emeryville, Calif., Lyn Conner of Columbus, Ohio, and Sally Hannah of Fort Wayne; one sister, Luella Canfield of Ovid, Mich.; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Additional calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Fellowship or WBCL Radio.

Richard Niedermeyer

FORT WAYNE — Richard E. Niedermeyer, 63, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Niedermeyer worked as a custodian at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Mary A. Niedermeyer; two sons, Nathan E. Dawkins of Fort Wayne and David A. Dawkins of Butler; seven sisters, Betty Niedermeyer, Bonnie Royal, Norma Niedermeyer, Linda Cochran and Dorothy Monnier, all of Fort Wayne, Mary L. Cook of Uniondale and Joyce Pease of Rome City; a brother, Charles Niedermeyer of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to St. John the Baptist School or South Wayne Baptist Church.

Area Deaths

COLDWATER, Mich. — **Marie S. Wesling**, 94, died Wednesday at 8:03 a.m. Services Friday at 2 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Eric M. Battrick**, 49, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2-5 and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Eleanora Wilson Kruckeberg**, 89, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Elaine Stults**, 86, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services 2 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling from 10-2.

FORT WAYNE — **John J. Hoczyk**, 81, died Wednesday at Regency Place Health Care. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Doyle E. Kilty**, 82, died Tuesday at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Church in Dunlap, Ill. Calling 30 minutes prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Wright & Salmon Mortuary in Peoria, with Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosemary Smith**, 82, died Tuesday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **James "Bub" Patrick**, 81, died Wednesday at his residence. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Sue Z. Thornton**, 71, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Lutheran Home Chapel. Calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Geraldine F. Sorg**, 75, died Tuesday at Byron Health Care Center. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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Eleanora Kruckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanora (Wilson) Kruckeberg, 89, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Kruckeberg

She was born in Fort Wayne on June 27, 1942. She married Arthur C. Kruckeberg. Before moving to Kendallville, she resided in Auburn for 39 years.

Before retiring in 1975, Mrs. Kruckeberg worked at Essex International for seven years. She was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed ceramic painting.

Surviving are: two daughters, Sharon Pelkie of Kendallville and Joan Fretz of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen B. Kruckeberg of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Barbara Monroe of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Kruckeberg of Angola; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 15, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a stepson, David Kruckeberg; a granddaughter, Nancy Kruckeberg; a great-grandson; and three sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 8010 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is one hour prior to services on Saturday and today from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — A memorial service for **Jean Seiberling** will be held Saturday, July 13, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 N. Williams St. She died Oct. 23, 2001.

FREMONT — A graveside memorial service for **Eugene E. "Mac" McCarty**, 76, will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. He died April 22. No calling. Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **Regina D. "Jean" Hamilton**, 75, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with wake at 3:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **John H. Nill**, M.D., 84, died Wednesday at his residence. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 4:30 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with vigil at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Eileen M. Powers**, 75, died Wednesday at her residence. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Rosary 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Romines**, 86, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Sanders**, 78, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Monday at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Ellis Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Craig Leighton Schertz**, 52, died Sunday. Services 3 p.m. today at Mountain View Mortuary in Colorado Springs, Colo. and also at 3 p.m. July 5 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Catherine Snyder**, 86, died Wednesday at St. Anne Home. Services 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Anne Home Chapel in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Hilda P. Webb**, 91, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. Services private. No calling.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Eleanora Kruckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanora (Wilson) Kruckeberg, 89, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kruckeberg

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 19, 1913. On June 27, 1942, she married Arthur C. Kruckeberg. Before moving to Kendallville, she resided in Auburn for 39 years.

Before retiring in 1975, Mrs. Kruckeberg worked at Essex International for seven years. She was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed ceramic painting.

Surviving are: two daughters, Sharon Pelkie of Kendallville and Joan Fretz of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen B. Kruckeberg of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Barbara Monroe of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Kruckeberg of Angola; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 15, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a stepson, David Kruckeberg; a granddaughter, Nancy Kruckeberg; a great-grandson; and three sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 8010 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is one hour prior to services today at the church

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Randy Stafford

WATERLOO — Randy L. Stafford, 52, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Stafford worked at Eaton Corp. in Auburn, and was a member of the UAW Local 164 in Auburn.

He was born July 26, 1949, to Gene and Annabelle (Donaldson) Stafford. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives in Waterloo.

He married Vicki (Mettert) Stafford April 26, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Heather and Francis Hamman of Waterloo, and Mandy Stafford of Antwerp, Ohio; three brothers, Mike Stafford of Auburn, Rick Stafford of Goshen, and Reg Stafford of Story Lake; a sister, Karen Badman of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Kyle Stafford, Leah Hamman, Coby Parker, Spencer Banks, and Gavin Banks.

Private family services are Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial is in Sedan Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Sunday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Anna Jefferies**, 91, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at Fox Run Manor Nursing Home in Findlay, Ohio. Private family services are Sunday with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling is Sunday from 9-11 a.m. at the cemetery.

FREMONT — **John J. Manien**, 80, of Clear Lake died Friday. A memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake, Fremont. Calling Sunday from 3-6 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Prayer service Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Michael Hannon

SOUTH BEND — Michael Jerome Hannon, 45, died Friday morning, June 28, 2002, after an automobile accident near Angola.

Mr. Hannon was employed as a salesman for J & T Auto Sales in Angola. He had lived in South Bend since 1978, moving there from Anderson. He graduated in 1975 from Anderson High School and attended Ball State University.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 423 in Orland. He loved boating, water skiing, the lake, golf and spending time with his family.

He was born Dec. 10, 1956, in Anderson to Max Richard Hannon and Rosalie (Harrison) Hannon. His mother survives at Lake Gage, Angola, and Sarasota, Fla. His father preceded him in death.

He married Nancy L. Johnston on May 17, 1980, in Richmond and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Aaron Richard Hannon, Kevin William Hannon, Kurt Edward Hannon and Ross Michael Hannon, all of South Bend.

A brother, Daniel Harrison Hannon, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. The Rev. James B. Miller, pastor of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Cremation will take place wth burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to an education trust for the Hannon children, in care of Teachers Credit Union, 133 E. McKinley Ave., Mishawaka IN 46545.

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MONROEVILLE — **Virginia M. "Ginny" Roy**, 70, died Friday. Services Monday at St. Rose Catholic Church, Monroeville, with prayers at 9:30 a.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 111 S. Water St., Monroeville. Calling today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Rosary service today at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilma C. Timma**, 93, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Calling today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Richard Fisel

FORT WAYNE — Richard M. "Rick" Fisel, 33, died early Saturday morning, June 29, 2002, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Fisel was a mechanic at Pro-Towing Co. in Fort Wayne and had previously been employed at Wesley Motors in Fort Wayne. He formerly lived in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1987. He enjoyed car racing, NASCAR and fishing.

He was born Feb. 28, 1969, in Sumter, S.C.

He married Tammy (Sell) Vaughn on Sept. 30, 1997, in Chattanooga, Tenn., and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Linda and Mike Hamlin of Churubusco; two stepdaughters, Shanan Cavarellio of Fort Wayne and Jessica Vaughn of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Trevor Vaughn of Fort Wayne; a stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Tonya and Eric Harvath of Loon Lake; two stepbrothers and stepsisters-in-law, Patrick and Ginger Schneider of Dallas, Texas, and Nicholas and Bre Harkins of Fort Irwin, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Alice Schlemmer of Ligonier; and his paternal stepgrandparents, Erwin and Shirley Detwiler of Cromwell.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Pauline Utley

GOSHEN — Pauline Daniels Utley, 77, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 8 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, where she had been hospitalized for three weeks.

Mrs. Utley had been employed at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne and then at Johnson Controls in Goshen, where she worked for 30 years. She formerly lived in Ligonier and moved to Goshen in 1983.

She was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a member of Goshen Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Penn Athletic Association. She enjoyed watching sports, especially basketball, and was always ready to go shopping.

She was born Aug. 28, 1924, in Wolf Lake to Nicklos and Etta Mae (Addis) Herron.

She married Elbert Daniels in in 1945 and he died in 1980. She then married Russell Utley in 1983 and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Nancy Daniels of Swayzee, and Daryl and Peggy Daniels of Syracuse; one daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Wayne Karnes of Nappanee; three sisters, Jeanette Beezley of Merriam, Mary Jane Paulus of Columbia City, and Martha Lund of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Max, Floyd and Ken Herron, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling after 3 p.m. The Rev. Rick Brouillette will officiate.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Sunday, June 30th, 2002 (Con.)

Anna Jeffries

ALBION — Anna Jeffries, 91, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 7:10 a.m. in Fox Run Manor Nursing Home at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Jeffries was a homemaker and lived in Mishawaka for 40 years before moving to Kendallville in 1981. She moved to Findlay in 1997.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911, in Albion to Alva and Carrie (Hines) Streby.

She married Albert Jeffries on June 15, 1929, in LaGrange. He died in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Althea Baker of South Bend, Pat and Gary Scott of Bluffton, and Sandy and Edward Dennis of Findlay; one sister, Edith Buck of Mishawaka; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Private family graveside services will be held today in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is today from 9-11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Larry Gray

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — CW-2 Retired Larry Carl Gray, 55, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tenn.

Mr. Gray was a press operator at Print Excel and lived in Clarksville. He served in the U.S. Army as a CW-2 helicopter pilot. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 31, Angola, and Excell Baptist Church of Clarksville.

He was born June 24, 1947, in Garrett to Lewis F. and Wanda (Huber) Gray. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Linda Deetz, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael L. Gray and Patrick R. Gray, both of Clarksville; one daughter, Kimberlie Hurd of Clarksville; one sister, Jeanne Romero of Montgomery, Mich.; and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in Excell Baptist Church with the Rev. Terrel Marcom officiating.

Memorials are to Excell Baptist Church Building Fund, 328 Excell Road, Clarksville TN 37043 or Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola IN 46703.

Sykes Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 424 Franklin St., Clarksville, is in charge of arrangements.

John Schlabach

GOSHEN — John E. Schlabach, 71, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at 8:01 a.m. in a truck-bicycle accident near his home on C.R. 32, Goshen.

He was a minister and member of the Old Order Amish Church and was a woodworker. He lived most of his life in the Goshen area.

Mr. Schlabach was born Nov. 20, 1930, in LaGrange County to Emanual and Nora (Miller) Schlabach.

He married Wilma Yoder on Nov. 15, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Miriam and Omer Hochstetler of Millersburg, and Lorene and LaMar Kuhns of Nappanee; six sons and daughters-in-law, LaVern and Fannie Schlabach, Maynard and Ruth Schlabach, and John Schlabach Jr. and Marlene Schlabach, all of Goshen, Glen and Esther Schlabach, and Larry and Mary Schlabach, all of Middlebury, and Mervin and Linda Schlabach of London, Ohio; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Emma and Dave Kaufman of St. Ignatius, Mont., Esther and Rudy Miller of Middlebury, Wilma Yoder of Middlebury, Mabel and Eli Miller of Goshen, Viola and Ervin Bontrager of Shipshewana and Alice and Elmer Yoder of Topeka; 33 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Orva, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the John Schlabach Jr. home at 64380 C.R. 43, with Bishop Alvin Hershberger and the Rev. Perry Mast officiating. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday after 6 p.m. and all day Monday at the family home at 10942 C.R. 32.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 201 S. Main St., Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Kendallville businessman Richard 'Dick' Pontius dies

KENDALLVILLE — Well-known Kendallville businessman Richard L. "Dick" Pontius, 67, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 29, 2002, at 2:05 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pontius

A lifetime Kendallville resident, Mr. Pontius was manager of the Kendallville Farm & Flower Shop, 224 E. Mitchell St., for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Pontius was born May 7, 1935, to Russel and Alice (Smith) Pontius.

Surviving are a brother, Allen Pontius of Kendallville; a sister, Geneva Porter of Stroh; and several nieces and nephews.

Three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

His funeral will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kevin Sneed will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

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Clara Schott

LEO — Clara W. Schott, 95, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schott was a salesperson with Michael's Floor Covering for 11 years. She was a lifetime Leo resident and a member of the Leo United Methodist Church. She was devoted to her faith and family and spent many hours reading and reciting poetry.

She was born Dec. 11, 1906, in Auburn. Two husbands, F. Bert Schott and Jay H. Michael, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one stepdaughter, Joeanna Andrews of Leo; one sister, Hilda Sellers of Roanoke; six grandchildren, Tim Michael of Leo, Scott Michael of Kendallville, Chris Houser of Angola; Ann Maple of Detroit, Becky Denham of Portland, Ore., and April Gentile of Louisville, Ky.; 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phil Michael; a daughter, Barbara Denham; a brother, John Habig; and two sisters Rose Buttermore and Ella Culler.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo-Cedarville, with calling there after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

D.O McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Leo United Methodist Church.

Fern Casagrande

FREMONT — Fern L. Casagrande, 88, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Casagrande was a licensed practical nurse in a Toledo, Ohio, hospital. She moved to Fremont in 1988 from Toledo.

She was born July 11, 1913, in Toledo.

She married Anton "Tony" Casagrande on Dec. 25, 1959, and he survives.

Also surviving is one son, Dennis Spearing of Los Angeles.

There will be no services or calling.

Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Larry A. Fey**, 60, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 7 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling three hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Forrest "Bud" Harshbarger**, 83, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lillie M. Hart**, 55, died Wednesday at her residence. No services. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne.

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Dylan Stafford

ANGOLA — Dylan Micheal Stafford, 5, of Angola, died Saturday, June 29, 2002.

He attended Vistula Park Head Start and would have attended Carlin Park Elementary School in the fall.

Stafford

He was born July 30, 1996, in Angola to Eric Joseph and Brighid Leagh (Kelly) Stafford. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are one sister, Emily Elizabeth Stafford of Angola; his maternal grandparents, Janet Laughlin of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Richard Kelly of Binghamton, N.Y.; his paternal grandparents, Sherry and Ron Tritch of Fremont, and Dale Stafford of Pioneer, Ohio; his maternal great-grandmothers, Marcia Kelly of Binghamton and Bertha Laughlin of Fremont; his paternal great-grandparents, Rolla and Laura Green Adams of Muncie and Jim and Sue Fair of Rockwood, Tenn.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with president Donovan Malone officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of First National Bank of Fremont, 15 Public Square, Angola IN 46703.

Sarah Wilhelm

NORTH MANCHESTER — Sarah L. Wilhelm, 82, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Mrs. Wilhelm was a homemaker and a former bookkeeper for the LaOtto Grain Elevator. She retired in 1982 after working for seven years at Essex Wire in Auburn. She was a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Argos, Ind., to George W. and Iva Elizabeth (Horner) Saygers.

She married William Cecil Wilhelm on Jan. 24, 1936. He died Dec. 14, 1979.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William and Barbara Wilhelm of Rochester, Ind.; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Richard Long of Leesburg; two grandchildren and their spouses, Sheri and Bryan Runyan of Warsaw and Christopher and Tina Wilhelm of Quincy, Mich.; a great-granddaughter, Megan Runyan and a stepgreat-grandson, Ben Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 1:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Larry Vaughn

FORT WAYNE — Larry M. Vaughn, 64, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a captain in the Allen County Sheriff's Department for 34 years before retiring in 1993. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police No. 14, the Wayne Township Fire Department, and Tri-State Gas & Steam Engine Association. He loved his family, fishing and antique John Deere restoration.

Surviving are his wife, Edna L. Vaughn of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Selma E. Hough of Huntertown and Diana L. Gamble of Grabill; four sons, Darrell M., Timothy A., Michael B. and Peter A., all of Fort Wayne; one brother, James E. Vaughn of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sharon K. Strong of Waterloo and Marcia R. Stevens of Bunnell, Fla.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home, 59 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Tuesday, July 2nd, 2002 (con.)

Area Deaths

FREMONT — A memorial service for **Myrtle M. Bearman**, 90, will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling is from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Bearman died March 29, 2002, in Hospice Home of Tavares, Fla.

KENDALLVILLE — **Joseph J. Bienick**, 83, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. No services or calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ethel B. Fieneman**, 98, died Monday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — **Grace Beatrice "Burns" Bobay**, 87, died Saturday. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. Calling 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with rosary at 3:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **H. Errol Schuman**, 83, died Sunday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling one hour before services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Preston C. Boughner**, 59, died Wednesday at home. Services and burial took place earlier at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Lansing, Mich.

FORT WAYNE — **Joan C. Davis**, 63, died Sunday at Woodview Healthcare. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour before services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Forest J. Fidler**, 94, died Sunday at Kingston Residence in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel in Huntington. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy M. Foreman**, 82, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **James Leroy Hall Jr.**, 61, died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Old Landmark Church of God in Christ. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **John Mayo Hovis**, 31, died Sunday at home. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Emmitt King**, 96, died Friday in Marion, Ala. Services Saturday in Marion at Eagle Grove Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Mark A. Lewis**, 42, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services .

FORT WAYNE — **Jami P. "J.P." Milton**, 23, died Friday at St. Joseph Medical Center. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Aaron Devoe Mountz**, 80, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **John S. Skekloff**, 85, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services at noon Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Vaughn L. Tomlinson**, 80, died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. today at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. No calling.

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Maxine Franze

ANGOLA — Maxine G. Franze, 82, died Friday, June 28, 2002, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Franze was a homemaker and a lifetime Angola resident. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Women of the Moose.

She was born April 3, 1920, in Garrett.

She married Everett L. Franze on June 26, 1946. He died May 27, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Claudia Franze of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Michelle Franze of Tennessee; and two grandchildren.

One son, Larry Franze, preceded her in death in 1993.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Angola Moose Lodge.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Reinold Tytler

SYRACUSE — Reinold C. "Ted" Tytler, 80, died Monday, July 1, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tytler was co-owner of Mock's Marine Service for 38 years and retired from Zimmer, where he had worked for 15 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He lived in Syrcuse and was a member of the North Webster American Legion Post and the Society of Professional Engineers.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Auburn.

He married Willodean Mock in 1942. She died in 1998.

One brother, Lynn Tytler of Auburn, survives.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Oakridge Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, 7458 E. CR. 1000 N, Syracuse.

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Ethel Fieneman

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel B. Fieneman, 98, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Fieneman owned and operated the Fieneman Mobile Home Park in Kendallville and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She was born Aug. 22, 1903, to Bruce and Anna (Hanson) Banta in Middlebury, where she graduated from Middlebury Joint High School. She married William Fieneman April 7, 1942, in Corunna. He preceded her in death March 22, 1962. She then moved to Kendallville.

Also preceding her in death are a brother and two sisters.

Surviving are a nephew, Phillip Banta of Palmetto, Fla.; a niece, Carol Detwiler of Green Fork; a cousin, Lois Poyser of Kendallville; and several great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in St. John Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is two hours before services.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Wilma Ruth Carrick**, 82, a former Angola resident, died Sunday. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Eastern Star service Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kathleen A. Redman**, 77, died Monday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services 3 p.m. Friday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. Calling one hour before services and from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas J. Beecham**, 55, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. No local services. Calling 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Pickett Funeral Service in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **James W. Bramel**, 84, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Fannie Mae Brooks**, 77, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie G. Gump**, 87, died Tuesday at Heritage Park Assisted Living. Services 2 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church. Calling following services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ann M. Haas**, 65, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **John Bennett "Jock" Hoffman** died Sunday in St. Paul, Minn. Services 10 a.m. today at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in St. Paul. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles K. "Bubba" Johnson**, 51, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Oakridge Temple Church of God in Christ. Calling one hour before services.

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Vivian Morgan

BUTLER — Vivian Morgan, 91, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at 11:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Morgan was a homemaker in Butler. She was born in Continental, Ohio, on March 25, 1911, to Delford "Fritz" and Mary (Praul) Wing.

Her husband, James Morgan, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Beulah Hire of Fremont and Anna Lee Eberly of Waterloo; and three brothers, Walter Wing of Toledo, Ohio, William Wing of Inverness, Fla., and Rodney Wing of Garden City, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Arnold and Pauline Kuhn.

A private family service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Arrangements were made by Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Matthew Hensler

AUBURN — Matthew James Hensler died Wednesday, July 3, 2002, after his birth at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Brian and Jennifer Henlser of Auburn; two brothers, Zachary and Luke, both at home; his grandparents, Steve and Sharon Hensler, and Bill and Joyce Freiburger, all of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandmother, Mary Schimmele of Fort Wayne.

Private services will be held, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Bolton

ANGOLA — Ruth Louise (O'Dell) Webb Bolton, 84, died Friday, July 5, 2002, in Angola.

Mrs. Bolton was a waitress and had moved to Angola four years ago from Churubusco. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post No. 2457 in New Haven.

She was born Sept. 19, 1917, in Talladega, County, Ala., to Edgar and Mary (Trammel) O'Dell.

Her husband, Robert E. Bolton, died March 3, 1987.

Surviving are one foster daughter and her husband, Ellen and Bob Searles of Angola; one brother, Robert E. O'Dell of Corunna; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Two brothers, Edger and Floyd O'Dell, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Verna Meeks

FORT WAYNE — Verna M. Meeks, 91, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and worked for General Electric, from which she retired in 1960. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

She is survived by stepsons Robert L. Meeks of LaGrange and Charles "Bud" Meeks of Leo-Cedarville, both of whom are state senators in northeastern Indiana, and Frederick H. Meeks of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy B. Meeks in 1985, parents Chris and Hedwing Bullerman, two brother and three sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home of Fort Wayne.

Michelle Everidge

STROH — Michelle R. (Grabill) Everidge, 32, of Stroh died Friday, July 5, 2002, in Angola.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1969, to Gordon and Janet (Graham) Grabill of Angola. Both survive. She married Rick N. Everidge on June 22, 1991, in Angola. He also survives.

Mrs. Everidge

She was employed as an eighth-grade teacher at Prairie Heights Middle School from 1996 to 2002 and also taught eighth-grade at Kendallville Central Middle School from 1995 to 1996. While teaching at Prairie Heights, she coached volleyball and was the assistant theater director at the high school.

She graduated valedictorian from Prairie Heights High School and later graduated from Purdue University with a degree in English and theater. She participated in volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society and numerous school musicals. A 10-year 4-H member, she enjoyed showing horses and cattle. She was the 1988 Steuben County 4-H Fair Queen. She was a member of the Purdue Equestrian team. She taught Sunday school and directed musicals at Stroh Church of God. She attended SonLight Community Church in Angola. Her hobbies included horseback riding and musicals at the Starlight Community Theatre at Prairie Heights.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by one daughter, Haylee Everidge; one son, Cassten Everidge; two sisters, Jackie (Rick) Hasty of Swayzee and Jennifer Grabill of Angola; two nieces; two nephews; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Thomas Merle and Ester Grabill, along with Albert and Genevieve Graham.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at SonLight Community Church in Angola. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the church, with visitation also one hour before the service.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights Drama Department, Prairie Heights High School, 0295S—1150E, LaGrange, IN 46761 or to SonLight Community Church, 269S C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

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Ralph Woodcock

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Ralph Albert Woodcock, 81, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, in his home in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Woodcock was a sergeant from 1939-1940 in the Pokagon Camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps near Angola, then worked in Chicago's Union Special Machines, participating in pre-wartime motion studies.

Mr. Woodcock

He enlisted in 1942 in the U.S. Army Air Corps and trained in California and New Mexico. He piloted a Flying Fortress B-17 bomber for 26 missions over Europe, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and four air medals. He then conducted early U.S. radar implementation missions and flew prototype jets. He achieved the rank of major and completed his U.S. Air Force career as Strategic Air Command squadron leader in Morroco.

His military training led to a civilian career as an electronics engineer. He supervised missile silo installations at Vandenberg Air Force Base and off-shore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel in California. He was an active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Mr. Woodcock was born April 6, 1921, in Garrett to Arthur H. and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock. He was a 1939 graduate of Garrett High School.

He married Mary Adelaide Austin in 1944 in Chicago and they divorced in 1953.

He married Simone Drouilles in 1954 and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donna Lynn Helbing of Waikoloa, Hawaii, and Patricia Louise Sims of Bethesda, Md.; three sons, Austin Terrell Woodcock of Catlett, Va., Frank Maurice Hampton of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Anthony Ralph Hampton of San Francisco, Calif.; one brother, Roger George Woodcock of Kendallville; one sister, Patricia Louise Sutton of Fort Wayne; nine grandsons; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Margaret Truman, Charlotte Shutt, Florence Berndt and Edith Miller; and two brothers, Arthur Woodcock and Alfred Woodcock.

There will be no services or calling. McDermott-Crockett Mortuary in Santa Barbara is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Bonnie J. Kline**, 69, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Betty J. LaForce**, 68, of LaGrange died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

HOWE — **Howard Emmert**, 91, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Howe, died Thursday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Howe United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

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Woodrow J. Daniels

FORT WAYNE — Woodrow "Woodie" J. Daniels, 83, died Friday, July 5, 2002, at River Bend Nursing Home.

Mr. Daniels was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in World War II. He retired in 1981 after serving as a mechanic for Means Cadillac in Fort Wayne.

He was born November 7, 1918 in Cookville, Tenn.

Surviving him are one daughter, Sandy Blosser of Fort Wayne; one son, Jerry Daniels of Avilla; two sisters, Peg Daniels of Roseville, Mich. and Bill Frank of St. Claire Shores, Mich.; one brother, Cork Daniels of Reed City, Mich.; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, in 1977.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at E. Harper and Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Bonnie Kline

ALBION — Bonnie Jean Kline, 69, died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kline was a lifetime resident of Albion. She was a retired employee of Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of the Albion Wesleyan Church and a local artist who enjoyed painting and gardening.

She was born on June 2, 1933, to Carl E. and Eva (Coe) Ravenscroft. Her father preceded her in death Her mother survives.

She married David Kline on Sept. 3, 1982. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1995.

Surviving her are one step-daughter, Linda Trowbridge of Columbia City; one step-son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kay Kline of Canton, Ohio; one sister, June M. Jacob of Albion; two nieces, Diana King and Carol Huff, both of Albion; one nephew, Phillip Jacob of Albion; five grandchildren, Kari Horner, Karla Barnhart, Alicia Baird, Kyle Kline and Kurt Kline; one great-grandchild, Autumn Horner; two great-nieces and five great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Ravenscroft.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Albion Wesleyan Church. Rev. Eric Ball will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorials are to Albion Wesleyan Church.

Brandon Haro-Rodriguez

LIGONIER — Brandon Alexis Haro-Rodriguez, 3, died Friday, July 5, 2002, in an accident that occured on U.S. 33 between C.R. 44 and C.R. 46 in Elkhart County.

Brandon was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He was born to parents Salvador Haro and Dora Rodriguez on Oct. 27, 1998, in Kendallville. They both survive.

Also surviving him are two sisters, Stephanie Haro-Rodriguez of Ligonier and Yesenia Haro-Rodriguez of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Salvador Haro and Camerina Contreras of Ligonier; and maternal grandparents, Francisco Rodriguez and Marie Montiel of Auascalientes, Mexico.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home. Father Jose Villanoeva will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Charlotte McDuffee

AIKEN, S.C. — Charlotte Lee McDuffee, 57, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Ms. McDuffee was a home economics teacher at New Ellenton Middle School, Lucy C. Laney High School and George P. Butler Comprehensive High School.

Surviving her are parents, Lee and Laura Jane (Bers) McDuffee of LaOtto; one daughter and her fiance, Jennifer Leigh Gordon and Karl Baker of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Clara Ann Yarian of Aiken and Carolyn Pequignot of Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday, July 2 at Shellhouse Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church, 224 Barnwell Ave., NW, Aiken, S.C.

Grace Helton

AUBURN — Grace Helton, 78, died today, July 8, 2002, at 5:15 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center at Auburn.

Mrs. Helton worked at Dana Corp. in Churubusco. She lived in Auburn and formerly lived in Garrett. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center and enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 16, 1924, in Menifee County, Ky., to Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields.

She married William Helton on Jan. 19, 1945, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David A. Helton of Auburn and Daniel L. Helton of Garrett; three daughters, Barbara A. Metheny of Kingwood, W.Va.; Suzanne Kruger of Fort Wayne and Brenda K. Carter of Clarksville, Tenn.; one sister, Eva Mason of Angola; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dorsey and Alfred Fields; one sister, Pauline Carpenter; and one half-brother, Howard Meadows.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Kenny Queener officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dorothy Row

MONROEVILLE — Dorothy Lorraine Row, 90, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, at 9:45 p.m. in Village of Heritage Nursing Home in Monroeville, where she had resided since February 2001.

Mrs. Row was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville. She was a previous member of the Monroe Co-Workers Extension Club. She was a 4-H club leader for many years.

She was born March 29, 1912, in Scipio Township, Allen County, to Joseph A and Anna C. (Salzman) Rohlof.

She married Henry Row on Sept. 11, 1938. He died March 14, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Paul W. and Sharon Row of St. Joe, and Owen R. and Jane Row of Monroeville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dorothy M. Row of Monroeville and JoAnn K. and Stephen Ulrey of Culver, Ind.; one sister, Helen Koch of Epping, N.H.; and 11 grandchildren, Renee C. Riani, Kirtsten M. Sahfer, Mitzi J. Pearson, Megan M. Cox, Cassandra L. Cox, Trina Y. Row, Tasha L. Hardwick, Tracy S. Row, Ginger S. Bansen, Jeanie M. McVicker and Duane L. Ulrey; and 11 great-grandchildren, Anaka R. Riani, Haley R., Austin O. and Britney M. Dowdy, Gabrielle K., Nicolaus A. and Victoria A Hardwick, Hannah K. and Elijah R. Bansen, Alexis F. McVicker and Andrea S. Ulrey.

A brother, Carl Rohlof, and a sister, Harriet L. Hook, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Monroeville, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Interirm minister Ed Redmon will officiate. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home-Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville.

Condolences may be sent to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

Faye German

ANGOLA — Faye Viola German, 87, died Friday, July 5, 2002, in Lakeland Nursing Center at Angola.

Mrs. German was a homemaker, a member of Flint United Methodist Church and a charter member of Flint Home Economics Club.

She was born April 12, 1915, in Hamilton to John and Hattie (Riser) Diehl.

She married Glen C. German on July 1, 1933. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1977.

Surviving are four sons, Richard German, Roger German, and Rudy German, all of Angola, and Russell German of Abilene, Texas; one sister, Orpha Brown of Sturgis, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with calling after noon. The Rev. Norman Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Evelyn Bostwick

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn I. Bostwick, 91, died Saturday, July 6, 2002 at 5:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bostwick was the owner of Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 52 years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She had lived in Fort Wayne for the past three years.

She was born Aug. 23, 1910, in Coleman, Mich., to John E. and Ella (Walker) McFarland.

She married Robert E. Quick on June 26, 1937, in Angola. He died July 18, 1961.

She then married J.W. Bostwick on Sept. 15, 1972, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Tom Quick of Wolcottville; one daughter, Susan Childers of Stapelton, Neb.; one stepdaughter, Linda Brose of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers, Don McFarland and William McFarland, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one sister, Murial Neeland of Spring Arbor, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

A brother, John McFarland, preceded her in death.

Private services will be held today in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Kendallville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Monday, July 8, 2002 (Con.)

Arthur Turner

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Arthur H. Turner, 64, died Saturday at home.

Mr. Turner owned and operated the Redwood Motel in Hicksville for the past 12 years. He worked at the Norfolk Southern Railway for 20 years and at Crook-Miller Co. in Hicksville. He was born in Jackson, Ky.

Surviving are his wife, Verda Turner; three daughters, Mary Gordon, Ruth Keeley and Cindy Levy, all of Hicksville; a son, Edward Turner of Hicksville; two brothers, Kaiser Turner of Boston and James Turner of Waterloo, Ind.; three sisters, Flora Foreman of Lexington, Ky., Roselyn Gross of Jackson, Ky., and Faye Privett of Sadieville, Ky.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Brandenberger.

Services are 9 a.m. Indiana time at Hicksville Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Calling is one hour before services at the church and after 1 p.m. Indiana time today at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Memorials are to Hospice—The Caring Way of Defiance or donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Beulah E. Zolman**, 93, died Sunday in The Oaks. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Merriam Christian Chapel Church in Merriam. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia G. Black**, 84, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Patrick D. Curl**, 51, died Saturday at home. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Brenda C. Huber**, 53, died Sunday at Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Gordon Myles Pratt**, 69, died Saturday at home. Services 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bethany United Methodist Church. No calling.

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Elda Copley

BUTLER — Elda J. Copley, 75, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, at 7:40 p.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Copley was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

An employee of Auburn Foundry for 25 years, he was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Butler Eagles.

Mr. Copley

He was born March 26, 1927, in Fort Gay, W. Va., to Davis and Georgia (Cyrus) Copley.

Mr. Copley married Laura Pennington on Sept. 20, 1951, in Louisa, Ky. She survives.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Michael Anderson of Butler; three brothers, Charles Copley of Kingman, Ariz., Frank Copley of Brigham City, Utah, and Reuben Copley of Wayne, W. Va.; four sisters, Maxine Crockett of Jackson, Ga., Opal Flemings of Columbus, Ohio, Elizabeth Mae Watts of Fort Gay, W. Va., and Lucille Wilson of Genoa, W. Va.; four grandchildren, Tronna Daniels and Somer Anderson of Butler, Jenese Brown of Auburn and Jason Anderson of Virginia Beach, Va.; two great-grandchildren, Nicolas Daniels of Butler and Leigha Brown of Auburn; and one niece, Carole Craig of Auburn.

Two brothers, Clyde and Grady Copley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in H.E. and Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Russell Watts will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Beulah Miller

PLEASANT LAKE — Beulah M. Miller, 66, died Monday, July 8, 2002, in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was a former resident of Pleasant Lake and most recently lived in Kinderhook Township of Branch County, Mich.

She retired in 1999 after nine years as an employee at Pokagon State Park. She attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born March 27, 1936, in Garrett to Charles B. and Beulah B. (Curtland) Hurd.

Her husband, Raymond Miller, preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are one son, Harry Dove Jr., in the U.S. Marine Corps; two sisters and one brother-in-law, LoWanda Myers of Pleasant Lake and Norma and Darwin Combs of Auburn; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Charles and Mary Hurd of Stryker, Ohio, Steve and Sandy Hurd of Garrett, David and Sue Hurd of Garrett and John Hurd of Auburn; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents and husband, were three sons, John, Bill and Tom Dove.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church at State Road 4 and County Road 23, Ashley. Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or the Independent Full Gospel Church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Marie M. Riley**, 88, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Private calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Martin Dean Frederick**, 40, died April 18 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Marquardt Lutheran Church in Monroeville.

FORT WAYNE — **Paula Ritchie Hess**, 70, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Chastain Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Mitchell. Calling after 9 a.m. until services and 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Janet Dawn Kistler**, 36, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Private services at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Philip L. Smith, M.D.**, 83, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Willie B. Smith**, 70, died Sunday at Heritage Park Nursing Home. Services Saturday at Jordan Memorial Chapel in Middletown, Ohio. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert W. Tegtmeyer Jr.**, 55, died Saturday at home in Sun City Center, Fla. Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lewers Funeral Home in Ruskin, Fla. Calling after 6 p.m. until services.

Budd Strong Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Budd M. Strong Sr., 87, died Monday, July 8, 2002, at 4:25 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Strong retired in 1975 after 32 years as an inspector for Zollner Piston Corp. He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church and Wayne Lodge 25 F&AM.

He was born Aug. 6, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Clinton and Mary (Mayo) Strong.

His wife, Edith M., died in 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Budd M. Strong Jr. of Tavares, Fla., Robert L. Strong of Waterloo and Bill F. Strong of Spencerville; three sisters, Helene Kimmel and Velma Adams, both of Fort Wayne, and Gertie Kies of Ohio; one brother, Donald Strong of California; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. James Price will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery at Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services by Wayne Lodge 25 F&AM will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Forest Park United Methodist Church, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Gertrude Moor

ANGOLA — Gertrude D. Moor, 82, died Monday, July 8, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Angola, she worked at Cameron Memorial Hospital for 44 years as a certified surgical technician.

She was born Aug. 6, 1919, in Metz to Archie and Mabel (Gaskill) Moor.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Steuben County

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

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The Evening Star

Kenneth Kranzman

ANGOLA — Kenneth Thomas Kranzman Sr., 64, died Monday, July 8, 2002, in Angola.

Mr. Kranzman lived in Angola, worked as a self-employed house painter and served on the Project Help Board. He donated at least 9-10 years as a volunteer for Project Help.

He was born July 16, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Mary (Platte) Kranzman. They preceded him in death.

He married Georgia Williams on Aug. 28, 1971, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel Allen Osborne of Nashville, Tenn., Kenneth Thomas Kranzman Jr. of Milwaukee, Wis. and Andrew Scott Kranzman of San Francisco, Calif.; five daughters, Angela Kaye Swafford of Ashley, Tina Marie Cole of Belleville, Mich., and Tammy Kranzman, Kristy Ann Kranzman and Tracy Lynn Kranzman, all of Angola; four brothers, Robert, Lawrence, Eddie and Carl Kranzman; one sister, Sandra Kranzman; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Kandy Grace Kranzman, on Oct. 6, 1987.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. John Garrison and the Rev. Robert Rice will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Weicht Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Janice M. Thacker**, 58, died Tuesday in her home. No service. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

ALBION — **Thomas A. McDonald**, 52, died June 4 in Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, Nev. Services at a later date.

BLUFFTON — **Kenneth M. Harrold**, 83, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Jacob S. Bell**, 21, died Monday at home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary A. Berkhalter**, 61, died Sunday. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at New Holy Ghost Tabernacle Church in Milwaukee. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert L. Ford**, 58, died Sunday in Brent, Ala. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour before services at the church and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dwight Frazier**, 80, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Sally A. Gordon**, 69, died June 25 at home in Key Biscayne, Fla. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Key Biscayne. Local services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Harry Hendeles**, 92, died Sunday at home. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Norman M.F. Koch**, 89, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilfred G. Heidenreich**, 93, died Tuesday at home. Services 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peter Catholic Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, with rosary at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10, 2002 (Cont)

FORT WAYNE — **Ervin F. McNamara**, 85, died Tuesday at home. Private services. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Russell H. Meyer**, 76, died Monday at home in Barrington, Ill. Services at noon Thursday at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Barrington. Calling one hour before services at the church and 4 to 9 p.m. today at Davenport Family Funeral Home in Barrington.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda Bruce Thompson**, 50, died Sunday at home. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service.

Martha MacDowall

AUBURN — Martha J. MacDowall, 77, died Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. MacDowall was an elementary art teacher for 20 years in the DeKalb Eastern Community School District. Her eight children considered her a hero.

She was born April 23, 1925, in Independence, Kan.

She married Douglas MacDowall on Nov. 19, 1950, in Nashville, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Leslie W. MacDowall of Lafayette and Christopher MacDowall of Angola; six daughters, Sarah Levin of Pasadena, Calif., Carolyn MacDowall and Hillary Books, both of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth McFarling of Plymouth, Mary Miles of Angola, and Amy McPhail of Saline, Mich.; one sister, Elizabeth Munsey of Albuquerque, N.M.; and nine grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice Services.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2002

The Evening Star

Crystal Dawn Howard

BROOKSVILLE, FLA. — Crystal Dawn Howard, 45, died Friday, June 28, 2002, in her Brooksville residence.

She was a former resident of Auburn and moved to Brooksville three months ago from Nashville, Tenn. She was a Native American Indian.

She was employed as a drafting instructor in Houston, Texas. Ms. Howard enjoyed making jewelry.

Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 1190 S. Broad St., Brooskville, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Rusty Allen Bennett**, 44, died Wednesday at home. Services 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gladys Overmyer**, 94, died Tuesday at her daughter's home in Venice, Fla. Services 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Calling one hour before services at the church and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Carlos Townsend Sr.**, 68, died July 2 at Harvest Park Specialty Care Center in Dade City, Fla. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at The Way of Holiness Church of God in Christ in Fort Wayne.

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Alvin Brown

AUBURN — Alvin O. Brown, 64, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 2 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital at Indianapolis.

Mr. Brown worked in maintenance for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He worked part-time the past four years at J Box Co. in Auburn.

A member and past president of the Bass Masters Club in Auburn, he was a member of the Bass Federation.

He was born April 30, 1938, in DeKalb County to Almon Oren Brown and Jessie Mae (Kester) Brown.

He married Sandra Jean Farmer on May 11, 1957, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny L. Brown and Kristopher B. Brown, both of Auburn; two daughters, Stephanie Rowe of Garrett and Ellen Brown of Avilla; four brothers, Jackie Brown of Ashley, and Robert, Joseph and Jerry Brown, all of Butler; seven sisters, Betty Lou Sutton of Michigan, Mary Ann McNamara of Ohio, Pat Patrick of Waterloo, Cindy Rowe of Auburn, Cathy Ferrell of Texas, and Joyce Brown and Joan Brown, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, Brandy, Clinton and Beau Rowe, Misty Lautzenhiser and Netasha Chastain; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Dickie Brown, and one sister, Suzanne Brown, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Bass Masters Club.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Double

AUBURN — John H. "Jack" Double, 88, died Wednesday, July 11, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Double worked as an engineer at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 25 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church, the Masonic Lodges of Auburn and Fort Wayne, the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

He was born March 18, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Howard A. and Ethel (Platt) Double. They preceded him in death.

He was married for 66 years to Violet V. (Davis) Double. She survives.

Also surviving is a half-sister, Virginia Thurman of Cleveland, Texas.

A half-sister, Phyllis Rockenbeck, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Covington Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Saturday from 10 a..m.-noon at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church.

Donald Cooney Jr.

AUBURN — Donald Cooney Jr., 80, died Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cooney was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired after 17 years as a sales executive for Evans Adhesives in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born July 27, 1921, in Colfax, Iowa, to Donald David Cooney and Hazel (Miles) Cooney.

He married Louise Pauline Sandberg on Aug. 29, 1944, in Des Moines, Iowa. She died Oct. 23, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jeri Cooney of Auburn and James and Linda Cooney of Elkhart; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol Ann and R. Richard Beatty of Bradenton, Fla.; one sister, Donna Gilbreath of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Michelle Bailey, Carrie Bailey, Stephanie Baumgartner, Megan Parsons, Allicia John, Ryan Beatty and Eric Beatty; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Cooney.

A private family memorial service will be held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Joe Laher will officiate.

Memorials are to the Pauline Cooney Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Friday, July 12, 2002 (con)

Ginger Abbott

ROCKFORD, Ohio — Ginger Abbott, 60, died Thursday, June 11, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Abbott operated a beauty shop in Ohio City, Ohio, for several years and drove a bus for Parkway schools. She was born in Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, William "Bill" Abbott; a son, Curt Abbott of Auburn; a daughter, Kari Smith of Rockford; a brother, James L. Prichard of rural Rockford; a sister, Neila Allmandinger of rural Van Wert; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Rockford. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans or Wee Day Care Center in Van Wert.

Funeral arrangements are by Cowan & Son Funeral Home in Van Wert.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Bertha E. Albins**, 78, died Thursday at Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Robert L. Deck**, 77, died Thursday at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Byron Health Center. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with rosary at 8 p.m.

WARSAW — **Dennis Max Kinsey**, 48, died July 6 in Kosciusko Community Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard O. Lawrence**, 81, died Wednesday at home. Services at noon on Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, with prayers at 11:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with vigil at 4:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Giovanna "Bonnie" Braun Archer**, 78, died Wednesday at home. No services.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret D. Badders**, 87, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Olive L. Blanton**, 86, died Wednesday at Kingston Residence. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Antonia "Toni" Botz**, 53, died Wednesday at Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Fla. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael Kleeberg**, 49, died Tuesday. Services pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Suzanne C. Zdawczyk McEvoy**, 65, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Calling 5 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Rosary 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald R. Newton**, 61, died Monday in Marion. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul Baptist Church in Marion. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ted Thomas Touvell** died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jayson Steckley

WATERLOO — Jayson Alexander Steckley was stillform Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

He was the son of Jack Lee Steckley and Jennyfer C. (Cross) Steckley of Waterloo.

Surviving are his grandparents, Richard and Sue Cross of Kendallville and Jack and Carol Steckley of Butler; his great-grandparents, Richard and Barbara Worman of Butler, and two great-grandmothers, Coral Steckley of Auburn and Glenys Prodrosky of Fort Wayne.

A private family service will be held Monday in the Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer, assistant pastor of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo, will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Crystal Howard

BROOKSVILLE, FLA. — Crystal Dawn Howard, 45, died Friday, June 28, 2002, in her Brooksville residence.

She was a former resident of Auburn and moved to Brooksville three months ago from Nashville, Tenn. She had been employed as a drafting instructor in Houston, Texas, and as a substitute teacher in Murfreesboro, Tenn. She enjoyed making jewelry.

Surviving her are two sons, William Lamar and Christopher James, and their father, Henry Howard; her mother, Leora Light; three sisters, Jean Buches, Sharon Coe and Murial Jola; one brother, David Light; her companion, Al Hurd and his son, Bennie, and two daughters, Jamie and Wendy; and one grandchild.

A memorial dinner will be held Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at LBJ Hall in Hamilton.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson FL 34667.

Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Services-Brooksville Chapel, 1190 S. Broad St., Brooksville, is in charge of arrangements.

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The Evening Star

Ernest Sabo

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ernest Carl Sabo, 82, died Thursday July 11, 2002, at 2:20 p.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home of Hicksville, where he had been a resident for two weeks.

Mr. Sabo was a resident of Antwerp, Ohio, and a former resident of Hicksville for over 30 years.

He was employed by the Ohio Power Co. for 33 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was discharged in 1945.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 in Antwerp, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2556 in Hicksville and American Legion Post 223 of Hicksville. He was an active leader in Little League Baseball and Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Sabo was born Feb. 15, 1920, at McVey, Ky., to Joseph and Margaret (Eged) Sabo.

He married Evelyn Kolb on Nov. 11, 1944, in Conway, S.C. She died May 23, 1969.

Surviving are a son, Carl David Sabo of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanette Rosenbury of Auburn; two granddaughters and three grandsons; a companion, Dora Mae Trutwin of Antwerp; and two sisters, Helen Schliesser of Mark Center, Ohio, and Judy Bell of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Swann; two sisters, Margaret Kilpatrick and Betty Knopp; and three brothers, Steven, Joseph and William Sabo.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Edgerton, Ohio. Father Thomas Oedy will officiate.Burial will be in the Lost Creek Cemetery at Hicksville, with military graveside services by Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Calling is Saturday after 4 p.m. and Sunday after 1 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

An Eagles service will be conducted in the funeral home at 6 p.m. Saturday, with a rosary and prayer service in the funeral home at 6 p.m. Sunday (Indiana times).

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville or the American Red Cross.

Dylan Gierhart

AUBURN — Dylan Troy Gierhart was stillborn Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Dana Troy Gierhart and Michelle Lynn (Waldron) Gierhart of Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters, Shana Gierhart and Tiara Gierhart, both at home; three grandparents, Glenys Russell of Auburn, Gary Waldron of Hamilton and Laura Gierhart of Fort Wayne; great-grandparents Robert and Elizabeth Waldron of Butler; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Robert Gierhart.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Bertha Albins

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha E. Albins, 95, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a certified public accountant in Phoenix, Ariz., and a licensed masseuse who provided massage therapy at a health ranch in Phoenix for many years. She was also a licensed Realtor. She lived in Kendallville the past four years.

She was born Oct. 10, 1906, in Chicago to Harold and Nora (Stene) Hansen.

Surviving are six nieces, Sally Moore of Kendallville, Carol Hanna of Auburn, Marilyn Blassick of Chicago, Sandra Ost of Illinois, Esther Kissinger of Fort Wayne and Karen Chambers of Cincinnati, Ohio; two nephews, Jack Holt of California and Paul Holt of Illinois; and 65 great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Three sisters, Evelyn Holt, Harriett Moore and Esther Kriepke, preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be later at Acacia Cemetery, Chicago.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com .

Saturday, July 13, 2002 (Con.)

Jeanne Voris

PLEASANT LAKE — Jeanne A. Voris, 78, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Shiawassee County Medical Facility in Corunna, Mich.

Mrs. Voris lived in Corunna, Mich., and was a former resident of Pleasant Lake.

She worked for 19 1/2 years as an inspector for Modernaire Corp. in Angola. She also had been a checker in the dining room at Tri-State University in Angola.

A life member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, she also was a member of Angola Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary in Orland. She graduated from high school in Peoria, Ill.

She was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Shelbyville, Ill., to Earl and Belle (Walker) Ruff.

Her husband, Victor M. Voris, preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Victor B. and Dee Voris of Flushing, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nylia and Glenn Fisher of Andrews, Ind.; a brother, Aubry "Bud" Ruff of Peoria; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Alvin Brown

AUBURN — Alvin O. "Sonny"Brown, 64, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 2 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital at Indianapolis.

Mr. Brown worked in maintenance for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He worked part-time the past four years at J Box Co. in Auburn.

A member and past president of the Bass Masters Club in Auburn, he was a member of the Bass Federation.

He was born April 30, 1938, in DeKalb County to Almon Oren Brown and Jessie Mae (Kester) Brown.

He married Sandra Jean Farmer on May 11, 1957, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny L. Brown and Kristopher B. Brown, both of Auburn; two daughters, Stephanie Rowe of Garrett and Ellen Brown of Avilla; four brothers, Jackie Brown of Ashley, Robert Brown of Waterloo, and Joseph Brown and Jerry Brown, both of Butler; eight sisters, Betty Lou Sutton of Michigan, Mary Ann McNamara of Ohio, Pat Patrick of Waterloo, Cindy Rowe of Auburn, Cathy Ferrell of Texas, Sally Farmer of Garrett, and Joyce Brown and Joan Brown, both of Avilla; five grandchildren, Brandy, Clinton and Beau Rowe, Misty Lautzenhiser and Netasha Chastain; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Dickie Brown, and one sister, Suzanne Brown, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Bass Masters Club.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sunday, July 14, 2002
The Evening Star

David Boyles

ROME CITY — David H. Boyles, 60, Rome City, died suddenly Friday, July 12, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Mr. Boyles was born June 28, 1942, in Fort Wayne, to George and Juanita Boyles and Juanita Clifford Masters. He lived most of his life in the Rome City area. He married Sandra Garton on Dec. 14, 1963, in Rome City, and she survives.

Mr. Boyles

He worked for Hipskin Asphalt in Fort Wayne for 20 years. For the last 13 years, he was a member of I.U.O.E. Local 150 and worked for Brooks Construction as a heavy equipment operator.

He was a member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge No. 276 and a very avid bass fisherman.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert Boyles and Michael Todd (Heather) Boyles, both of Rome City; three brothers, Darwin Boyles of Rome City and Larry "Mike" Boyles and Wesley Boyles, both of Florida; two sisters, Marsha Kitchen of Rome City and Donna Atwater of Howe; a stepbrother, Robert Masters Jr. of Kansas; a stepsister, Debra Monthie of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren, Lacy Boyles, Wyatt Boyles, Walker Boyles and Weston Boyles.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, the Rev. Nick Hoot officiating, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Calling hours are set for 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Thomas Hollifield

STROH — Thomas E. Hollifield, 66, died Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Hazard, Ky., on Oct. 14, 1935, to Thomas and Virginia (Gregory) Hollifield. He married Lucille "Susie" Amburgey on Oct. 14, 1961, and she survives. He was a foundry worker and worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring in 1991. He belonged to Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Mr. Hollifield

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptists Church, the Revs. Willie Collins, Bethel Bolen and Jerry Collins officiating. Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. today at the church, and will continue until funeral services on Tuesday. Additional services will be held at 7 p.m. on both Sunday and Monday evenings. Burial will be at the Woodruff Cemetery. Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is handling the arrangements.

Along with his wife, Susie, he is survived by five daughters, Karen (Tim) Bentley of Wolcottville, Vickie Hollifield of Stroh, Lisa Hollifield of Fort Wayne, Mary Shepherd of Wolcottville and Tonya (Ron) Miller of Constantine, Mich.; three brothers, Jim Hollifield of Stroh, Paul Hollifield of London, Ky. and Dean Hollifield of Hardburley, Ky.; three sisters, Chlo Johnston of London, Phyllis Rowlison of Stroh, and Linda Arnett of Hardburley; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Francis A. Lesiak

Francis A. Lesiak, 92, Hudson, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at home.

Mr. Lesiak was born March 5, 1910, in Fullerton, Neb., to Victoria (Knopkie) and Mike Lesiak. He married Hazel Wilson in North Platte, Neb., in 1935. She preceded him in death in 1978.

He was a conductor on the Union Pacific Railroad for 33 years.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, North Platte. He was active in the North Platte Eagles and the Senior Center of North Platte.

He is survived by a son, Michael (Nancey) Lesiak of Hudson; a brother, Charles Lesiak of Fullerton, Neb.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was proceded in death by a brother, Leonard Lesiak, and four sisters, Sister Collet Lesiak, Sister Michaline Lesiak, Minnie Wozniak and Rose Shotkskie.

Services are scheduled for Tuesday in North Platte. Arrangements there are by Adams and Swanson Funeral Home. Local arrangments were handled by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Mary Cowell

FREMONT — Mary Jane Cowell, 59, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was formerly an employee at Letica Corp of Indiana and was a housekeeper at Lake George Motor Inn. She lived in Fremont and enjoyed NASCAR racing, gardening, fishing, crafts and her grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Angola to Ray and Mary Elizabeth (Loomis) Henderson.

Surviving are seven daughters, Diana Worthington and Tammy Fairchild, both of Angola, Debbie Tone of Riverside, Calif., Barbara Shaw of Fremont, Deanna Jackson of Kendallville, and Frances Gibson and Arlinda Gibson, both of Metz; three sons, Terry Shaw and John M. Shaw, both of Fremont, and Mark Cowell of Angola.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, two daughters, one son, one grandson and her parents.

No services will be held.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Tri-State Church of Christ, 3505 E. Metz Road, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

George Hess

AVON PARK, Fla. —George D. Hess, 86, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at 1:28 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hess had served as director of purchasing at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1978. He lived in Avon Park, Fla., and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Before moving to Florida, he lived in Fort Wayne and Auburn. He was a past master of the Auburn Masonic Lodge and a past president of Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 29, 1915, in DeKalb County to Frank and Flossie (McCosh) Hess.

He married Alta Mae Martin on June 18, 1938, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Floreen Palmer of Auburn; two grandchildren, Melaine Timmerman of LaOtto and Patricia Burden of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Jerry D. Hess, preceded him in death in 1999.

Private family services will be held. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park FL 33825.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **David H. Boyles**, 60, died Friday at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Cora Viola Klinkenberg**, 90, died Sunday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Services 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church. Calling 1 p.m. until services.

FORT WAYNE — **Annabelle L. Black**, 84, died Thursday at Hearthstone Nursing Home in Round Rock, Texas. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Louis William "Bill" Bunnell**, 71, died Sunday. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Irma A. Dow**, 91, died Saturday at St. Anne Home. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Peter Catholic Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 4 to 7:30 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, with rosary at 4:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **David J. LeFever**, 43, died Friday at home. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald E. Petersen**, 66, died Saturday in Regency Place, N.H. Services pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Esther Elizabeth Schneider**, 99, died Sunday at Renaissance Village. Services 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia T. Pfister**, 83, died Saturday at Woodview Health Care. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, with rosary at 7:15 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Walter H. Till**, 90, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Calling one hour prior to services. Rosary 3:30 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home.

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Philip Carpenter

AUBURN — Philip Paul Carpenter, 56, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at 1:27 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Carpenter worked at Auburn Gear for 38 years, serving as a lab technician for the past 15 years.

He loved drag racing, earning many trophies and awards in competitions over the past 38 years at Avilla and other race tracks. He was an avid Ford fan and had just finished restoring a 1934 Ford five-window coupe.

Mr. Carpenter

He was born March 8, 1946, in Auburn to John Wayne and Mary Francis (Greer) Carpenter. They preceded him in death.

He married Marilyn J. Haiflich on Oct. 18, 1964, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Michelle Carpenter of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Shellie and James Bellinger of Avilla; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Lawrence and Kathy Carpenter of Ashley, and Gary "Gig" Carpenter of Ashley; and four grandchildren, Dill and Brenna Carpenter, and Riley and Cameron Bellinger.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ronald Passmore

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ronald Charles Passmore Jr., 33, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in a skydiving accident near Ottawa, Ill.

Mr. Passmore listed Hicksville as his resident. He was employed as an instructor with Skydive Chicago near Ottawa. He had obtained a D license and was a strong-rated tandem jump instructor and a static line instructor. He had completed more than 1,400 jumps in the last six years.

He was a 1987 graduate of Edgerton (Ohio) High School and a former member of the Montpelier (Ohio) Eagles Lodge.

He was born Feb. 13, 1969, in Chicago to Ronald Charles Passmore and Margaret L. (Clark) Passmore.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Margaret "Peg" and Russell Nickloy of Hicksville; five daughters, Leah Thompson and Tiffany, Amanda, Tessa and Peggy Passmore, all of Butler; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Edward Passmore of Chicago, and Joseph and Vicki Nickloy of West Unity, Ohio; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Joan and Mike Heminger of Pioneer, Ohio, and Rebecca Vanderhorst and her fiance, Tim Thrush, of Farwell, Mich.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about a surviving relative.

Mary Cowell

FREMONT — Mary Jane Cowell, 59, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was formerly an employee at Letica Corp of Indiana and was a housekeeper at Lake George Motor Inn. She lived in Fremont and enjoyed NASCAR racing, gardening, fishing, crafts and her grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Angola to Ray and Mary Elizabeth (Loomis) Henderson.

Surviving are seven daughters, Diana Worthington and Tammy Fairchild, both of Angola, Debbie Tone of Riverside, Calif., Barbara Shaw of Fremont, Deanna Jackson of Auburn, and Frances Gibson and Arlinda Gibson, both of Metz; three sons, Terry Shaw and John M. Shaw, both of Fremont, and Mark Cowell of Angola.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, two daughters, one son, one grandson and her parents.

No services will be held.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Tri-State Church of Christ, 3505 E. Metz Road, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Hudson

CLAYPOOL — Kenneth L. Hudson, 74, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at home.

Mr. Hudson was a truck driver for Nelson Trucking and a mechanic for Hodges Ready Mix, and retired as head mechanic for the city of Warsaw. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was born in Allen County.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Hudson; two sons, Robert Hudson of Winona Lake and Roger Hudson of Claypool; two sisters, Norma Methany of Bourbon and Patricia Gross of Etna Green; two brothers, Donald Hudson of Etna Green and Dale Hudson of Hudson; six grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial with military rites will be in Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Health Care & Hospice, Warsaw, or American Legion Post 49, Warsaw.

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Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Bessie I. Franklin**, 75, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Fruriip-May Funeral Home. Calling three hours before services.

ROME CITY — **Florence E. Frick**, 79, died Monday at home. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

WOLF LAKE — **Robert J. "Pete" Haney**, 79, died Monday at Goshen General Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

AVILLA — **Catherine M. Fortman**, 93, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Calling a half hour before services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

PORTLAND — **Judy L. Journay**, 59, died Monday at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spenser Funeral Home. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **James E. Hilton**, 78, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling a half hour before services and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael Jarosz Jr.**, 40, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove, Ill.

FORT WAYNE — **Ernestine "Ernie" Kelsoe**, 69, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles A. Kreidt**, 54, died Saturday at home. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth E. Kramer**, 76, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven Squier**, 57, died Sunday at home. Services pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Martha F. Grimmer McGrady**, 60, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Jimmy L. Ramsey Sr.**, 58, died Monday in Huntertown. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling is one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary C. Rombke**, 98, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Mass Queen of Angels. Calling 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Kong Vongphachanh**, 58, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Nathan Barlow

ASHLEY — Nathan Alain Barlow was stillborn Monday, July 15, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Steve and Sally (Love) Barlow of Ashley; one brother, Steven Barlow of Ashley; two sisters, Nicole Sudderth of Fort Wayne and Denell Barlow of Fort Wayne; and his grandfather, William Barlow of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Treva G. Patterson**, 90, died Monday. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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ALBION — **G. Pauline Campbell**, 84, died Tuesday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Patti L. Neukom**, 60, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice M. Boedeker** died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, Atlanta.

FORT WAYNE — **Johnnie Melvin Cain**, 56, died Monday at home. Services pending at DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeffrey R. Hepner**, 47, died June 27 in Kansas City, Mo. Services 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Broadway Christian Church in Fort Wayne. Calling 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Edith V. Howard**, 74, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, with Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Audru V. "Dot" Lyon**, 81, died Tuesday at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Parson-Rust Funeral Home, Albany. Calling one hour before services and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond Joseph Slogar Sr.**, 72, died Monday at home. Services 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Additional service Friday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cleveland. Calling one hour before today's services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben C. Webb**, 48, died Saturday at home. Services at noon Saturday at Carmichael Funeral Service. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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Florence Reeves

KENDALLVILLE — Florence M. Reeves, 78, of Kendallville, died at 3:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Reeves had resided at the Shepherd of the Hill since September 2001, having moved from East Harding Street, where she had lived since 1962. She was a bookkeeper at the Kendallville Furniture Store for 20 years, an avid bowler and a member of the Bowling Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Reeves

She was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Howe to Earl and Bessie (Ransbottom) Overholser.

In Kendallville June 8, 1947, she married Norman F. Reeves, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Chela Reeves of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Barry LaBov of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lois Alexander of Kendallville, and Helen McDorman of Irving, Texas; a brother, Monroe Overholser of Ashley; and six grandchildren, Nicholas, Krystal, Eric and Alex Reeves and Laura and Alan LaBov.

A sister, Ruth Bodenhafer, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Chaplain Roger Olson, Shepherd of the Hill minister, will officiate. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill.

Barbara Robbins

FORT WAYNE — Barbara A. Longworth Robbins, 55, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at 12:13 p.m. in Winebrenner Village at Findlay, Ohio.

A resident of Fort Wayne, she previously had lived in Findlay and Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mrs. Robbins

She worked in retail at Home Depot and had received a real-estate degree from Owens Tech in 1996.

She was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Findlay to Richard and Ruby (Hunt) Carpenter. Her father preceded her in death.

She married Larry K. Robbins in Findlay and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Ruby and Dale Nash, in Findlay; three sons, Sam VanAtta, Rob Roth and Todd Roth, all of Findlay; two grandchildren; and a sister, Linda Johnson of Findlay.

Services will be held Saturday at noon (Indiana time) in Routson Funeral Chapel, 201 Osborn Ave., Findlay, Ohio. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Findlay.

Calling is Friday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home. Memorials to Bridge Home Health and Hospice, 415 College St., Findlay, OH 45840.

Galen Shultz

SEBRING, Fla. — Galen H. Shultz, 87, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at 11:55 p.m. in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Shultz was a retired farmer and worked at Weaver Popcorn Co. in Van Buren, Ind. He was a former resident of Montpelier in Wells County.

He was a member of the King Masonic Lodge 246 F&AM; Mount Etna Masonic Lodge 333 F&AM; the Scottish Rite Valley and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne. He belonged to the McNatt United Methodist Church in Warren and was a 1932 graduate of Lancaster High School in Huntington County.

He was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Huntington County, to Charles F. and Jeanette Shultz.

On Dec. 24, 1932 in Huntington, he married Shirley B. Allen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy and Norman Schweikhardt of Warren and Jo Anne Stanton of Fort Wayne; a son, Donald Shultz of Warren; a daughter-in-law, Valerie Hoff and her husband, David, of Bellevue, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mack H. Shultz; two sisters, Kathryn Hosler and Ruth DeWitt; a brother, Paul Shultz; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley A. Shultz.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with Pastor Bill Van Haften and the Rev. John Wallace officiating. Burial will be in Asbury Cemetery at Montpelier.

Calling is Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. in the funeral home, with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. by the Mount Etna Masonic Lodge.

Memorials are to the McNatt United Methodist Church Building Fund, 9271 W. 800 S.-90, Warren, IN 46792.

Thursday, July 18, 2002 (Con.)

Madeline Todd

ALBION — Madeline N. Todd, 94, of Albion, died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born July 12, 1908, in Noble County to Todd and Zelma (Brown) Weeks. She married Gerald J. Todd in Noble County July 12, 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1979.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Janice Pearsall, on July 10, 1993; and a sister, Evelyn Dressler.

Surviving are a son, Buddy D. Todd of Albion; a sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jeffery Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson and David Pearsall; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Burial is in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church. Memorials to the church.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Leona Wilma Huston**, 93, died Tuesday at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola. She lived most of her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties and spent her winters in Zephyrhills, Fla. Services Friday at 2 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Calling Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 11:30 a.m.

MIDDLEBURY — **Amanda L. Mast**, 80 died Tuesday. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church, Goshen. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, Goshen.

ALBION — **Beatrice Platt**, 90, died Wednesday. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling 11:30 a.m. Monday until the services at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Bonnie M. Balser**, 59, died Wednesday. Arrangements pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Frank D'Ottavio Jr.**, 72, died Tuesday. No services or calling.

ARCOLA — **Margaret Jean Schipper**, 78, died Tuesday. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jack Eugene Ewing**, 65, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City, with calling one hour before services. Calling also 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with rosary at 8 p.m.

HUNTINGTON — **Sondra J. Moore**, 66, died Tuesday. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, with calling 2 to 8 p.m. today.

PIERCETON — **Mildred E. Finton**, 87, died Wednesday. Private family services. No calling.

Eric Smith

WATERLOO — Eric Paul Smith, 42, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 2:15 a.m. in his parents' home in Waterloo.

Mr. Smith was a15-year employee at Hillsdale Tool in Hamilton and was a farmer. He was a 1978 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, a Red Cross volunteer with the Emergency Response Team and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 25, 1959, in Kendallville to Loren and Lorraine (Biggerstaff) Smith. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are one son, Adam Smith of Waterloo; two sisters, Karen Scranage of Halsey, Ore., and Brenda Wickerham of Edgerton, Ohio; a grandmother, Rowena Biggerstaff of Waterloo; three nephews and one niece.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

R.T. Smith

HAMILTON — R.T. Smith, 91, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Angola.

Mr. Smith was a farmer on his own land in Hamilton. He was a member of the Metz Christian Church.

He was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Williams County, Ohio, to John and Rosa (Richardson) Smith.

He married Mildred Van Auken on May 18, 1933. She died Jan. 19, 1996.

Surviving are one daughter, Phyllis Ann Rowe; one daughter-in-law, Maleen Smith of Angola; two sisters, Letha Stark of Powell, Ohio, and Wayva Penick of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, LaMar Smith on May 29, 2001; and one infant brother.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Jack Richmond

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jack A. Richmond, 83, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at 3:55 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler. He had been a resident there for the past three months.

The owner of Richmond & Son in Hicksville for the past 25 years, he had retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio, after 22 years of service.

Mr. Richmond was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Auburn Moose Lodge. He was a past member of the American Legion and a World War II veteran, serving as an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Air Force.

Holiday Travel Park in Leesburg, Fla., honored him as the oldest volleyball player at age 80.

He was born April 28, 1919, in Newville in DeKalb County to Jesse and Hazel (Kellerman) Richmond.

He married Betty Thompson on Feb. 22, 1947, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lana Taylor and Paula Richmond; one son, Kevin Richmond; one brother, Harold Richmond; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Reden Barchfeld, Bernice Tennent and Alice Agler; and four brothers, Argil, Lavon, Kenneth and Delaine Richmond.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Judith Wascher officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County, Ind., with military graveside services by the Hicksville VFW.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Raymond B. Baxter**, 73, died Thursday at home. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

SYRACUSE — **M. Grace Walker**, 100, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Albright United Methodist Church in Mishawaka. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bubb Funeral Chapel North in Mishawaka.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred R. Bilger**, 84, died Thursday at Lutheran Home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Marion L. Blanchard**, 80, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers, Beech Grove. Services 6 p.m. Saturday at Community of Christ Church in Indianapolis. Calling one hour before services at the church and 1 p.m. Monday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — **Julia Irene Fox**, 74, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling 4 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Koehler**, 89, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles D. Myers**, 92, died Thursday at Sunrise Assisted Living Center. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling one hour before services and 5 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Edyth L. Rohr**, 85, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Akron United Methodist Church in Akron. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice E. Hobson Wisenberg**, 82, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. Private services. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Bonnie M. Balser**, 59, died Wednesday in the emergency room of Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in a car accident on U.S. 33. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Calling 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with rosary at 8 p.m.

Jenny Hoffmeister

WATERLOO — Jenny A. Hoffmeister, 27, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A graduate of DeKalb High School, she attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She was a 10-year 4-H member and a member of New Hope Christian Church and the American Diabetes Association.

She was born March 28, 1975, in Bishop, Calif., to Jeffry and Janet (Larson) Hoffmeister. Both parents survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are one brother, Jonathan Robert Hoffmeister of Waterloo; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Jill Marie and Terry Exford of Waterloo and Jessica Lynn Hoffmeister of Waterloo; her grandparents, Sara Copsey Traycoff of Indianapolis, Gordon R. Larson of Waterloo and Cathy Hoffmeister of Seymour; two uncles, Sergei Traycoff and Gregor Traycoff, both of Indianapolis; and her dog, Remy.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in New Hope Christian Church at Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Scott

COMSTOCK PARK, Mich. — William H. Scott, 76, of Comstock Park, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

Mr. Scott was raised in Auburn. At age 16, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and fought on the beaches of Iwo Jima during World War II.

He was an avid boater and outdoorsman who actively supported the Audubon Society and Sierra Club, among other charitable organizations.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Wanda; his children, Bobbie, Cindy, Bill and Nikki; his brothers, Vernon and Jack; his grandchildren, Scott and Babe; and his many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial services will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1200 Alpine Church Road NW, Comstock Park, today at 10 a.m. with calling after 9 a.m. (Indiana times). Burial will be early next week at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich., with the date and time pending.

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Brooks Hamman

WATERLOO — Brooks H. Hamman, 64, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Hamman was self-employed in construction work and operated Hamman Bucket Truck Services for 20 years. He retired in 2000.

He served from 1961-67 in the U.S. Army and was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born April 7, 1938, in DeKalb County to Howard and Dorothy (Knight) Hamman.

He married Linda Smith on Nov. 6, 1982, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Shelton Hamman of Waterloo; four stepsons, Richard G. Campbell of Bloomington, David H. Campbell and Daniel J. Campbell, both of Garrett, and Joseph S. Campbell of Rome City; two daughters, Callie A. Hamman of Waterloo and Terri Lynn Shores of London, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Debra L. Terry and Cindy L. Rowe, both of Corunna; a sister, Lina M. Zerkle of Waterloo; five grandchildren, 27 stepgrandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His parents and a brother, Brian K. Hamman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Auburn Alliance Church. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 N. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Harold Fuller

AUBURN — Harold Ernest "Hal" Fuller, 78, died Friday, July 19, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fuller was a 50-year resident of Auburn. He retired in 1985 from his work in sales for Perfection Biscuit Co. of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Garrett.

He married Elizabeth Anne "Nancy" Fuller on June 28, 1945, in Inglewood, Calif. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sister Christina of Evanston, Ill., Michelle Fuller of San Jose, Calif., and Kathleen Gramling of Auburn; three sons, Michael Fuller of Tacoma, Wash., Thomas Fuller of Huntertown and David Fuller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and two sisters, Alma Leathers of Sun City, Ariz., and Glennagene Hartig.

A time for services is pending for Monday or Tuesday, with calling to be decided at a time on Sunday or Monday. D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Eric Barger

AVILLA — Eric Wayne Barger, 18, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, from injuries sustained in an auto accident in DeKalb County.

He was born Sept. 15, 1983, in Perry County, Ky., to Stephen M. Barger and Donna Estep.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Donna and Timothy Hays of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Stephen and Norma Barger of Kendallville; four brothers, Stephen Barger II, Charles R. and Jacob L. Barger and William S. Barger II; a sister, Stacy L. Hays; his maternal grandmother, Olive Estep; his paternal grandparents, Roy and Pauline Barger; his maternal stepgrandmother, Reba Hunter Hays; his paternal stepgrandparents, Manuel and Moselle Jacobs and Charles and Lorene Barger; a niece, Michaela Barger; and many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Services are 11 a.m. today at Hindman Funeral Service Chapel, Hindman, Ky. The Rev. Ed Baker will officiate. Burial will be in Ritchie Cemetery, Talcum, Ky.

Calling is three hours before services.

Local arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Rosella L. Belschner**, 81, died Thursday at home. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Wayne St. Chapel. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Rev. Marion L. Blanchard**, 80, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers, Beech Grove. Services 6 p.m. today at Community of Christ Church in Indianapolis and again at 1 p.m. Monday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Hilda Habig Sellers

FORT WAYNE — Hilda R. Habig Sellers, 98, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at Norwood Nursing Home in Huntington.

She was born in DeKalb County. She worked at South Side High School for 18 years, retiring in 1969. She previously had worked for Wolf & Dessauer Department Store and General Electric during World War II.

A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Redeemer Ladies Aid, she enjoyed square dancing, traveling and entertaining.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol A. Kelsey of Roanoke; a son, Richard W. of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; a stepgranddaughter; four grandchildren; two stepgreatgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Ralph, died in 1993. Five sisters and three brothers also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 1-3 p.m.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Seminary United Methodist Church, Roanoke.

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Harold Fuller Jr.

AUBURN — Harold Ernest "Hal" Fuller Jr., 78, died Friday, July 19, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fuller was a 50-year resident of Auburn. He retired in 1985 from his career in sales for Perfection Biscuit Co. of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Garrett.

He married Elizabeth Anne "Nancy" Fuller on June 28, 1945, in Inglewood, Calif. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sister Christina of Evanston, Ill., Michelle Fuller of San Jose, Calif., and Kathleen Gramling of Auburn; three sons, Michael Fuller of Tacoma, Wash., Thomas Fuller of Huntertown and David Fuller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and two sisters, Alma Leathers of Sun City, Ariz., and Glennagene Hartig of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will take place in the funeral home tonight at 7:30.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Earl Dickerhoff

KENDALLVILLE — Earl E. Dickerhoff, 88, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Dickerhoff was a sales representative for Poinsatte Motors for 18 years, a driver for ABC Coachline for 13 years and worked for Coplen Camper Sales for 10 years, retiring in 1986. He attended Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

He was born in Akron, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha of Wolcottville; a son, Donald Weaver of Bloomington; a daughter, Jacqueline Armstrong of Bolingbrook, Ill.; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **James Robert Arnold**, 86, of Fort Wayne, a former Allen County and Fort Wayne attorney, died Thursday at his home. Mass will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St.

Calling Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home; Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret M. Fox**, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 Wallen Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling also Monday from 6-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis.

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FORT WAYNE — **George Robert Michael**, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 2320 Broadway, with calling one hour before services. Calling also today from 1-5 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be in Concordia Memorial Gardens.

FORT WAYNE — **Delores "Dee" Robbins**, 66, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Sonrise at Aboite United Methodist Church, 10125 Illinois Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling also today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Edyth L. Rohr**, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Akron United Methodist Church, Akron. Calling Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with a 7 p.m. service by the Eastern Star. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Monte G. Higgins**, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at home. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services. Calling also be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

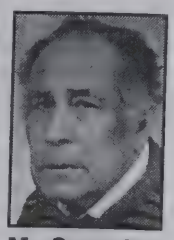
Deaths & Funerals

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002

Jesus Gonzales

FORT WAYNE — Jesus M. Gonzales, 81, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gonzales was a machinist with Warner Gear for 25 years, retiring in 1976. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Mr. Gonzalez

He was born in Hillsboro, Texas, and lived in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Jean L. Gonzales; two sons, Jesse L. Gonzales of Fowler and Thomas M. Gonzales of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Lisa (Garol) Buttner of Sarah, Miss., Maria Gardner of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Sandra Bowman of Hamilton, Kimberly Troyer of Ashley and Mona Lisa Jones of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside services by the U.S. Army.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Aldon Cleveland

LAGRANGE — Aldon K. Cleveland, 65, of LaGrange, died 11:40 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 200 at his home.

On Sept. 14, 1936, in Nappane he was born to Raymond and Elle Marie (Hamilton) Cleveland. He married Ida Vermillion on Oct. 25 1975, in LaGrange.

Mr. Cleveland retired from Fli & Walling Co. in Kendallville in 1991 after 36 years of service. He was also a firefighter on the Kendallville Fire Department for years.

Surviving in addition to his wi are three sons, Jeff Cleveland of Wolcottville, Greg Cleveland of LaGrange, and Aldon Keith Cleveland of Kendallville; a stepson, Charles Cornwell of Rives Junction, Mich.; three brothers an sisters-in-law, Larry and Maureen Cleveland of Broken Arrow, Okl Leland and Pauline Cleveland of Orland, and Max James and Nancy Cleveland of LaGrange; three sisters, Mrs. Harley (Rheta) Yoder of Elkhart, Arlene Bennett of LaGrange, and Mrs. Gene (Wilma) Foreman of Constantine, Mich.; two aunts, Evelyn Duncan of Sturgis, Mich., and Rose Mary Rhodes of Goshen; five grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

Two granddaughters and his pa ents preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funera Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial is in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kidney Foundation.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Susie Schmucker**, 85, of Goshen, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence. Calling after noon today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

FORT WAYNE — **Amber L. Baker**, 24, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Harvest Pentecostal Church of God, 5112 Moeller Road, New Haven, with calling one hour before the services and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Marilyn J. Berner**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Calling from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Leonard Schlotter Jr.**, 89, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Calling from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna T. Dively**, 93, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Town House Chapel, 2209 St. Joe Center Road. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Helen Lorene Burkhart**, 91, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City, with calling one hour before services and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Mary Cowell

FREMONT — Graveside memorial services for Mary Jane Cowell, 59, will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont. Pastor John Garrison will officiate.

She died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was formerly an employee at Letica Corp of Indiana and was a housekeeper at Lake George Motor Inn. She lived in Fremont and enjoyed NASCAR racing, gardening, fishing, crafts and her grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Angola to Ray and Mary Elizabeth (Loomis) Henderson.

Surviving are seven daughters, Diana Worthington and Tammy Fairchild, both of Angola, Debbie Tone of Riverside, Calif., Barbara Shaw of Fremont, Deanna Jackson of Auburn, and Frances Gibson and Arlinda Gibson, both of Metz; three sons, Terry Shaw and John M. Shaw, both of Fremont, and Mark Cowell of Angola.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, two daughters, one son, one grandson and her parents.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Klaus Peter Eichler**, 56, died Sunday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

AVILLA — **Terry Vice**, 46, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

CHURUBUSCO — **Emerson M. Emrick**, 82, died today. Arrangements pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Alberta R. Collins**, 77, died Sunday. Services 1 p.m. Friday at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1331 Gay St., Fort Wayne. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael Funeral Service, 831 Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Allen "Al" Hein**, 52, died Sunday. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Calling 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Lewis Botteron

AUBURN — Lewis H. Botteron, 89, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Botteron retired in 1975 from General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne with 35 years of service. He also was a retired Butler Township farmer.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, attended Indiana University and was a member of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ.

He was born March 7, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Willard F. and Mary Ann (Kauffman) Botteron.

He married Evelyn R. Knock in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Priscilla Botteron of Auburn; two grandchildren, Sheldon Walburn and Beth Walburn; and two great-grandchildren, McKinzie Walburn and Nathaniel Walburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Botteron, and three sisters, Leona Klunder, Jeanette Smith and Lucille Botteron.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 N. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Julia Goodall will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Grace St. John's United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jane Deck

GOLDEN, Colo. — Jane S. Deck, 78, a former Auburn resident, died July 11, 2002, in her home in Golden, Colo.

She was born in England to Joseph and Anne Steele. She met her husband, William, during World War II.

Mrs. Deck worked in a bank in Auburn and her husband was a teacher. They later lived in Anderson until their retirement, when they moved to Colorado.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Dewayne, and his wife; and two granddaughters, Jessica Brenner and Gillian Deck.

Services were held July 13 in St. John Episcopal Church in Golden.

Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane Rider

ROME CITY — Mary Jane Rider, 79, died at 8:45 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She had been a teller at Campbell & Fetter Bank and more recently was a tour guide at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site, Rome City. She was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church, Rome City.

She was born to Arthur and Edna (Grimes) Glass in Kendallville March 6, 1923.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Rider and Kim and Terri Rider, all of Kendallville, and Matthew and Julie Rider of Angola; two sisters, Katheryn Feebles of Escondio, Calif., and Betty Welch of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site.

Condolescenes can be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

This obituary is being published again with additional information.

Madeline Todd

ALBION — Services for Madeline N. Todd, 94, were Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Terry Marker officiating.

Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Pallbearers were Chuck, Steve and Kevin Todd, Scott Cole, David Pearsall and Gregg Gorsuch.

Mrs. Todd died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born to Todd and Zelma (Bowen) Weeks July 12, 1908, in Noble County. She married Gerald J. Todd in Noble County July 12, 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1979.

Three sisters, Alverta Young, Welcome Van Aman and Evelyn Dressler, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Buddy D. Todd of Albion; a sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jefferey Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson and David Pearsall; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

EDON, Ohio — **John D. Foster Jr.**, 78, died Tuesday at 6:29 a.m. Services Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon. CallingThursday from noon-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

AVILLA — **Terry N. Vice**, 46, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

CHURUBUSCO — **Emerson M. Emrick**, 82, died Tuesday. Private graveside services Friday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ellen Bergan**, 75, died Monday. Mass of Christian Burial 1 p.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randalia Drive, with calling an hour before services at the church and 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Delos J. "Doss" Fisher**, 68, died Monday. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Calling 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Vivien A. Minier**, 87, died Saturday. Services 1 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Calling 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial services 3 p.m. Sunday at Brigade of Light Church, 2000 N. Wells St.

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FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Story**, 90, died Monday. Services 1:30 p.m. Friday at Lutheran Home Chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., with calling noon until the services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gladys Leona Albert**, 92, died Tuesday. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

James Kappel

GARRETT — James C. Kappel, 62, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at 7:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kappel worked in assembly at Navistar, retiring in 1995 after 30 years of service. He had lived in rural Garrett for four months and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 11, 1940, in Fort Wayne to William and Lorena (Weber) Kappel. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Janice Kappel of Garrett, and six nieces, Monica Berry, Melinda Stump, Denna DeKoninck, Susan Shipe, Theresa Kappel and Denise Kappel.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Donald Dominy

ALBION — Donald L. Dominy, 58, died at home Monday, July 22, 2002.

He retired from Zollner Corp., Fort Wayne, in May 2002 after 40 years of service. He had lived in Albion since 1972, coming from Oliver Lake. He was a member of the Albion Eagles.

He was born Aug. 13, 1943, in Garrett to Archie L. and Florence (Lobdell) Dominy. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Duane Dominy of Goshen and Edward Allen Dominy of Roanoke; a granddaughter, Hailey Dominy; two sisters, June Courtney of Carmel and Nancy Downing of Preble; and a brother, Larry Dominy of Jacksonville, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Welker

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Paul George Welker, 80, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was president of Welker & Associates Insurance Agency in Fort Wayne, Butler, Kendallville and Portland, and of Clear Lake Financial Corp. and Lake Avenue Realty Corp. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and was past president of Professional Insurance Agents.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Welker; a daughter, Cynthis Landmeier of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A daughter, Patricia Welker, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church elevator fund.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Jonas Yoder**, 77, died Wednesday at home in rural LaGrange. Services 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home at 1550W C.R. 150N, LaGrange. Calling after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

KENDALLVILLE — **John P. Becker**, 77, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Chad "Nick" Barfell**, 28, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas Lee Dafforn**, 72, died Tuesday at home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral home and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen R. Farrell**, 88, died Tuesday at Renaissance Village. Services 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Kyaw Win**, 46, died Sunday in Huntington County. Graveside services noon today at Highland Park Cemetery.

Ethel Fields

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ethel M. Fields, 82, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 11:50 a.m.

Mrs. Fields had resided at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville since January 2001. She was a lifelong homemaker and member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. She graduated from Paulding High School in 1937.

She was born Aug. 26, 1919, in Paulding, Ohio, to Homer and Lydia (Zartman) Smalley.

She married Marshall J. Fields on Oct. 25, 1947, in Paulding County, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Beth Marihugh and Wanda Rohrs, both of Hicksville, Susan Cope of Angola, and Marsha Williams of Toccoa Falls, Ga.; one son, Michael Fields of Hicksville; 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Ruth Kempher, and two brothers, Robert and Harold Smalley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastor Tom Graves officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday after 2 p.m. and Monday after 7 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Jack Mahlan

FORT WAYNE — Jack R. Mahlan, 73, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at home.

The Fort Wayne native was a line foreman at City Light & Power of Fort Wayne and American Electric Power from 1947 until 1991. He was past president of I.B.E.W. Local 723.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth E. Mahlan; four sons, Matthew D. Mahlan of Hamilton, Kirk A. Mahlan of Dillon, Colo., Christopher B. Mahlan of Fort Wayne and Brian Scott Mahlan of Huntertown; a daughter, Janet E. Mahlan of Fort Wayne; a sister, Marian Raupfer of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald R. Mahlan of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Marcelle Beck

ANGOLA — Marcelle Beck, 89, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Beck was a homemaker and had worked at Nichols Music Store and a dress shop in Angola.

She was captain of the Salem Center girls basketball team that became state champions. She lived in Angola and was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

A past president of the Business and Professional Women, she also was a past matron of Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born June 4, 1913, in Continental, Ohio, to George and Gusta (Wright) Ernst.

She married Glenn C. Beck on Dec. 25, 1934. He died Jan. 1, 1999.

Surviving are one son, Fred Beck of Angola; one daughter, Nancy Henry of Olivet, Mich.; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

One brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Group.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Judith Badgley

FORT WAYNE — Judith G. Badgley, 62, died Thursday morning, July 25, 2002, at her daughter's home.

Mrs. Badgley

She lived in Fort Wayne and was a 1957 graduate of Columbia City High School.

She was born Oct. 22, 1939, in Columbia City to Walter Henry and Elizabeth Rose (Leonard) Grant.

She married Quentin May in 1961 and he preceded her in death. She married Robert Lee Badgley on Jan. 1, 1977. He died April 4, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Tracy L. May of Fort Wayne; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Todd Q. May of Cummins, Ga., and Timothy L. and Janis Badgley of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Michael Grant of Columbia City, Craig Grant of Illinois and Jerome Grant of Leesburg; nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. David Easterday officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

COLDWATER, Mich. — **Charles Lee Riegel Sr.**, 64, died Wednesday at Battle Creek Health System Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. Services 7 p.m. Monday at Faith Baptist Church, Angola. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas, Pa. Calling is 2-7 p.m. Monday at the church.

ALBION — **Russell Coe**, 67, died Thursday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 1-2 p.m. Monday at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marcia L. Clements**, 51, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

TEABERRY, Ky. — **Paul Salisbury**, 63, died Sunday at home. Services were1 p.m. Wednesday in the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty L. Albert**, 76, died Wednesday at home. Graveside services 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Covington Cemetery Chapel. Calling 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Phillip L. Ames**, 61, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and Masonic services 7:30 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Phyllis J. Emenhiser**, 73, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling 6-9 p.m. Saturday.

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FORT WAYNE — **Helen "Berry" Hatala**, 94, died Thursday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with calling 1-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles Lemler**, 80, died Wednesday at Canterbury Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling 5-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Heaven Riley Swick**, 2 1/2 months, died Wednesday at home. Services noon Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling 10-noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond M. Zelt**, 66, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Calling 2-6 p.m. Sunday and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Steven Isenbarger

FORT WAYNE —Steven R. Isenbarger, 48, of Convoy, Ohio died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

He was born on Jan. 3,1954 to Richard and Bonnie (Brubaker) Isenbarger in Fort Wayne.

He married Susan R. Wherry on July 13, 1974. She survives.

He had been employed by Eaton Corp. for the past 11 years and was formerly employed by Zollner Corp. of Fort Wayne. He was also the groundskeeper at the Crestview Athletic Complex.

He coached boys baseball and softball for the Wren Ballpark, Junior High School at Crestview and started the first girls' ACME softball team at Crestview. He also umpired for 16 years for the Ohio High School Athletic Association and was a member of the Midwest Buckeye Umpire Association.

Survivors include his wife; his mother; his father and stepmother, Sharon, of Lakeland, Fla.; one brother, Daniel Isenbarger of Okemos, Mich.; one sister, Debra Byrd of Fort Wayne; one son, Sam Isenbarger of Convoy; one daughter, Sarah Isenbarger of Convoy; and one grandchild, Garrett.

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Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Convoy. Rev. Jan Berthinee will officiate.

Calling is Sunday 2-9 p.m. at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or Crestview Baseball Program.

Area Deaths

Patricia Demske

LAGRANGE — Patricia F. Demske, 59, of LaGrange, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at home.

A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fruip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Revs. Charles Mullen and Paul Faroh will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to masses at St. Gaspar Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange and LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Russell Coe

ALBION — Russell Coe, 67, of Kendallville, died Thursday, July 25, 2002 at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Ind. Rev. Buel Meadows and Ken Wilkin will officiate.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Marcia Clements

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia L. Clements, 51, died on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and also one hour before the funeral service on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Marcia L. Clements Memorial Scholarship or Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

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Ruth Groves

AUBURN — Ruth M. Groves, 86, of Auburn, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 2:23 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Groves worked in maintenance for the Sheller-Globe Co. in Grabill for 12 years before retiring in 1980. She also worked for many years in area groceries and meat markets.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and belonged to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been the organist for The Cedars Nursing Home in Leo.

She was born April 15, 1916, to Leroy and Anna (Jackson) Haywood in Sturgis, Mich.

She married Herman G. Groves on Nov. 2, 1935, in Auburn. He died Sept. 15, 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Robyn Groves of Warren; three daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Russell Nickolson of Traverse City, Mich., Frances and James Bryan of Grabill, and Virginia and Gary Gillming of Lanagan, Mo.; a brother, Robert Haywood of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Ranney and Esther Read; a daughter, Martha Ann Groves; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Cedars nursing home in Leo.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virginia Wible

KENDALLVILLE — Virginia Irene "Pinkie" Wible, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wible was employed as a bookkeeper and in parts inventory control at the Allison Corp. in Kendallville for 28 years. Before moving to Fort Wayne in 1993, she was a lifetime Kendallville resident.

She taught Sunday School for 25 years at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and served on the Kendallville Planning Commission as secretary for 15 years and was a member of the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals for six years.

Mrs. Wible was born June 5, 1911, in Kendallville to Harold and Agnes (Hanes) Merkling. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1929.

She married Robert Owen Wible on Dec. 5, 1936, in Kendallville. He died Feb. 15, 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Adrienne Wible of Huntley, Ill.

Graveside services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett, pastor of Trinity Church United Methodist, officiated.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vera Salzbrenner

ANGOLA — Vera Flora Salzbrenner, 81, of Angola, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Salzbrenner was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

She was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Rudolph and Anna (Petenbrink) Stock.

She married Frederick Salzbrenner on Aug. 24, 1940. He died April 23, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Jay Salzbrenner of Angola; a granddaughter; a stepgrandson, two great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Wilmer and Arthur Stock.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society.

This obituary is being republished with corrected information.

Marcia Clements

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia L. Clements, 51, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clements

Mrs. Clements was a kindergarten and first-grade teacher with the East Noble School Corp. and taught at Rome City School for 25 years. She graduated from Westview High School in 1968; Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., in 1972; and received her master's in education from Indiana University in 1978.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and served on various boards and committees within the church, including the Daycare and Preschool Board. She was also a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Kappa Delta Pi Educational Sorority, National Education Association, East Noble Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

She was born Oct. 9, 1950, to Milburn O. and Marilynn (Kurtz) Norris. Her father survives in LaGrange. She was preceded in death by her mother in September of 1972.

She married Franklin C. Clements on July 15, 1972, in LaGrange.

She survived by her husband in Kendallville; her father and his wife, Lois, of LaGrange; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Aaron Vaught of Kendallville; and one granddaughter, Keeley Jo Vaught.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and also one hour before the funeral service on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Marcia L. Clements Memorial Scholarship or Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

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Patricia Demske

LAGRANGE — Patricia F. Demske, 59, of LaGrange, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at her home.

She was employed by Aztec Wire of LaGrange and operated her own cleaning service.

Mrs. Demske was a member of the Rosary and Altar Sodality and a former CCD teacher at St. Joseph and St. Gaspar Catholic churches.

She was born Sept. 17, 1942, in Kendallville to Francis and Mary Ellen (Hinkley) Patterson. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Joseph L. Demske on June 10, 1961, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph L. Demske Jr. of Sturgis, Mich., and David P. Demske of Angola; two sisters, Sarah Price of Ocean City, Md., and Martha Steele of Delta Junction, Alaska; two brothers, Thomas Patterson of Wolcottville and Michael Patterson of Brunswick, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. The Rev. Charles Mullen and the Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at St. Gaspar Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange and the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Donnie Bragg

HOWE — Donnie Eugene Bragg, 53, of Howe, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Bragg was a lathe operator at Flint and Walling in Kendallville. He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble counties.

He was born Aug. 17, 1948, in Buckhannon, W.Va., to Daniel Webster and Elva Gay (Gillispie) Bragg. Both parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Chad Bragg of Wolcottville and Derrik Bragg of LaGrange; a stepson, Jason Price of LaGrange; a brother, Jerry Bragg of LaGrange; eight sisters, Shirley Henline of Howe, Carrie Leggett of LaGrange, Sandra Sue Draper of LaGrange, Peggy Jo Bolten of Fort Collins, Colo., Rose Lea Lee of Camden, W.Va., Lena Davis of Cassville, W.Va., Judy Posey of Wadestown, W.Va., and Nora Foltz of Buckhannon, W.Va.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy, Richard and Charles Bragg; and two sisters, Jean Carol and Dottie Bragg.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

No service will be held.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charlene Millikan

CHURUBUSCO — Charlene W. Millikan, 42, of rural Churubusco, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 11:56 p.m. at the family residence in Horseshoe Bay. She had been ill since April.

Mrs. Millikan had been employed for the past 12 years at the offices of Deluxe Glass of Fort Wayne. She enjoyed camping, boating and family activities. A 1978 graduate of Churubusco High School, was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco area.

She was born Jan. 28, 1960, in Norwalk, Ohio, to C. Duwayne and Nancy Lou (Harting) Hauser. Her father survives in Churubusco. Her mother died Oct. 21, 1991.

She married Richard J. "Rick" Millikan Jr. on Dec. 16, 1978 in Churubusco. The couple spent their married life at Blue Lake until moving into their newly constructed home in February. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brad Millikan, at home; a daughter, Lindsay Millikan, at home; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Mike Foote of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Cory and Darlene Hauser of Wolf Lake and Roger Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, will officiate. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling at the mortuary is Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday, one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Millikan children for education.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ella Kauffman

GOSHEN — Ella Irene Kauffman, 98, formerly of Ligonier, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 1:17 a.m. at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Kauffman had lived in rural Ligonier for 50 years before moving to Greencroft for the past 25 years. She was a homemaker and volunteer for many organizations, as well as a member at College Mennonite Church in Goshen.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, sewing and baking cookies, some of which were sold through a local store.

She was born Jan. 18, 1904, to Joseph J. and Lydia E. (Rufenacht) Yoder in Sugar Creek, Ohio.

She married Elmer N. Kauffman on Aug. 25, 1920. He died Dec. 11, 1976.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Elmer and Anna Kauffman of Muskegon, Mich., Kenneth Kauffman of Marion and Dean Kauffman of Portage; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Betty and Edwin Stutzman of Kokomo, Claramae and Donald Gingerich of Kouts, Arlene and Dennis Schrock of St. Charles, Ill. and Thelma Kauffman of Goshen; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jonas J. Yoder; and four sisters, Susanah Frey, Treva Miller, Lizzie Ann Lantz and Clara Miller.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Meeting House at the Gables, Greencroft in Goshen. Private burial services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4. and 6-8 p.m. at the Meeting House at the Gables.

Memorials are to the Greencroft Foundation.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

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Ralph Helblig

BLUFFTON — Ralph F. Helblig, 53, of Bluffton, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 5:28 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Helblig retired from Philips Electrical in Auburn in 1994 after 15 years of service and was a member of Living Waters Community Church in Garrett. He was a former resident of Garrett and had lived in Bluffton for three years.

He was born Feb. 15, 1949, in Bluffton to Kenneth E. and Margaret (Bell) Helblig. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Peggy S. Combs on April 10, 1976, in Garrett. She died Jan. 13, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Michael Helblig of Kendallville; a daughter, Tiffany Helblig of Bluffton; and two sisters, Melaine Prater of Bluffton and Annetta Helblig of Indianapolis.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **William O. Eugene Householder**, 75, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Viola Marcella Wert**, 88, of Fort Wayne died Friday. Services are Monday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Deloris Jeanette Pratt**, 71, of Fort Wayne, died Friday in Connersville. Services are Monday at 2 p.m. at Reichard Funeral Home in Union City. Calling is today from 5-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Maynard Savage**, 79, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday. Services are Aug. 3 at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall.

FORT WAYNE — **Kayden Kenwood Meeks**, 17 days, died Thursday. Graveside services Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery. Calling Monday from 1-2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Hazel Baker

AUBURN — Hazel B. Baker, 87, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Baker was a senior underwriter for Lincoln Life Insurance Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1981. She was the first female underwriter at Lincoln National Life.

An Auburn resident, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1933.

She was born June 8, 1915, in Hicksville, Ohio, to William D. and Mabel (Omweg) Dorsey.

She married Richard Estes Baker on Sept. 20, 1935, in Ohio. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Brian Baker of Auburn, who is moving to Biloxi, Miss., and David and Betsy Baker of Saline, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Michael Scheeringa, Katie Baker and Jennie Baker.

One brother, Lyman Darcy, and two sisters, Freda Carpenter and Hilda Weller, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling there after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Orpheus Hatton

LAOTTO — Orpheus Hatton, 67, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at 5:20 p.m. in his LaOtto home.

Mr. Hatton owned A&O Sewer Service and was a farmer. He also worked for Conrail. He had lived in LaOtto for 63 years.

He was born June 9, 1935, in Van Cleve, Ky., to Ben and Lula (Collins) Hatton.

He married Roberta J. Stout on April 21, 1956, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry Hatton of LaOtto and Ricky Hatton of Garrett; two daughters, Sandra Riccius and Debra Crager, both of Garrett; two brothers, Carl Hatton of LaOtto and George Hatton of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Dorothy Bickel of Kentucky, Opal Landsaw of Fort Wayne, Betty Stoffer of Spencerville, Miranda Hatton of Churubusco, Opsy Terry of Hunterlake, Ind., and Viola Murray of Garrett; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Ben, Jim and John Hatton, and two sisters, Leann and Laura Hatton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Donald Shankster and George Stout officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery at LaOtto.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Kamree Shaffer

BUTLER — Kamree Suzanne Shaffer was stillborn Saturday at 10:36 p.m. in Dupont Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her parents, Michael D. and Sheila A. (Crager) Shaffer of Butler; her grandparents, Sherman and Christine Crager of Butler, and Dena Shaffer of Ossian; two aunts, Sherry Shaffer of Butler and Lorie Shaffer of Fort Wayne; and one uncle, David Shaffer of Los Angeles.

A grandfather, Robert Shaffer, preceded her in death.

Private family graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosemary Rice**, 83, died Saturday at Kingston Health Care. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with calling 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen L. Steup**, 79, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul E. Tumbleson**, 79, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and noon-1 p.m.

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Jerry Goble

ALTONA — Jerry Douglas "Doug" Goble, 59, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, in the Veterans Administration hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Goble was a former longtime employee of Auburn Gear and was well known in auto racing circles at the Steuben County Speedway in Angola.

He was born Sept. 12, 1942, in Floyd County, Ky., to Earl and Virgie (Bradley) Goble. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Marilyn Stafford on June 8, 1968, in Brimfield. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry Douglas Goble Jr. and Alan Lee Goble, both of Altona; one daughter, Vickie (Goble) Cardoza of Kendallville; one brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Dixie Goble of Garrett; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Randy Delauder, Kathy and Larry E. Baker, and Jenny and Billy Pogue, all of Garrett, and Sue and Oscar Howard Curtland of Hudson; and two grandchildren, Lindsay and Benjamin Cardoza of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by one brother, James Lee Goble; one sister, Nadine Goble; and a grandson, Shilar Alan Goble.

His body was donated to medical science. Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Joel Working

ANGOLA — Steuben County Sheriff Joel A. Working, 59, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He served as sheriff of Steuben County for the past 3 1/2 years and formerly worked for the Allen County Sheriff's Department for 28 years.

A resident of Angola, he was a 33rd-degree Mason, a member of Fremont Masonic Lodge 210, York Rite of Steuben County, and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne. He was a past potentate of the Mizpah Shrine Temple.

Sheriff Working

He was a member of Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of Eastern Star, Angola Rotary Club, Angola Elks Lodge, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola Lions Club and the Domestic Violence Coalition. He was a volunteer for the March of Dimes and American Cancer Society.

He was born Oct. 22, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Gladys (Huddleston) Working. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Dailia Dennis on June 2, 1962, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Pam Feller of Fremont and Paula Worden of Columbia City; and five grandchildren, Ashley Feller, Josh Feller, Tanner Worden, Tabitha Worden and Tarrin Worden.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Fairview Missionary Church of Angola, with the Rev. John Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. A Masonic service will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Special Response Tactical Team, Shrine Children's Hospital or the Steuben County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CENTREVILLE, MICH. — **Shana Marie Godsey**, 18, Centreville, Mich., died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. northeast Indiana time at Eley Funeral Home, Centreville, Mich. Calling 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Mildred H. Kring**, 81, Ligonier, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Barbara L. Carcione**, 69, Wolcottville, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Charles Andre Albert**, 69, Fort Wayne, died Sunday. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel with calling one hour before services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Rita Bauer**, 69, Fort Wayne, died Sunday. Memorial service 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Bradley W. Heinold**, 46, died Saturday. Graveside services 3 p.m. Wednesday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hartzell Road, New Haven. No calling.

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David Pearse

AUBURN — David L. Pearse, 49, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne, after a traffic accident near Hamilton.

Mr. Pearse

Mr. Pearse lived in Auburn and attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Dec. 27, 1952, in Auburn.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret Ornelas of Auburn; his stepfather, Fred Ornelas of Auburn; a stepbrother, Herbert R. Thomas of Carney's Point, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roland C. Pearse, and a brother, Bill Pearse.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will take place at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Edsall Jr.

GARRETT — Kenneth W. Edsall Jr., 72, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Edsall was a carpenter and painter and lived in Garrett for 24 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge and American Legion.

He was born Oct. 12, 1929, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Kenneth W. Edsall Sr. and Jesse (Casterline) Edsall.

Surviving are two daughters, Trina Edsall of Fort Wayne and Rita Chalfant of Waterloo; one son, Bill Edsall of Spencerville; one sister, Carol Rowin of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

A son, David Edsall, and a daughter, Dawn Elaine Edsall, preceded him in death.

No services or calling will be held.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Leonard Shoudel

GARRETT — Leonard A. Shoudel, 73, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 9:04 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shoudel lived in Garrett. He was a maintenance foreman at Essex Wire for 10 years, then worked at R.P. Wakefield Co. in Waterloo for four years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born July 13, 1929, in DeKalb County to Albert and Oleva (Schortgen) Shoudel.

He married Dolores Foster on Nov. 7, 1953, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Jeanne Delozier of Auburn; three sons, Jerry Shoudel and John Shoudel, both of Auburn, and Jim Shoudel of Fort Wayne; one brother, Donald Shoudel of Churubusco; one aunt, Esther Miller of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Jamie, Jeff, Brittney and Taya Shoudel, and Angella and Malissa Delozier; and one great-grandson, Justin Dellinger.

One brother, Cleo Shoudel, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn, with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church improvement fund or to Masses.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Samuel Schlemmer

NORTH MANCHESTER — Samuel Edmund Schlemmer, 84, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 11:22 a.m. in Peabody Healthcare Center.

Mr. Schlemmer lived in Wabash for 40 years before moving to Peabody Retirement Community. He owned and operated Sam's Sport Shop in Wabash for over 25 years and was the treasurer for Wabash County for four years.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Wabash American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks lodge and Kiwanis club, and Christ United Methodist Church.

An all-state football player at Manchester College, he was inducted into the Manchester College Hall of Fame.

He was born April 12, 1918, in Wabash to Clarence and Anna (Grunewald) Schlemmer. They preceded him in death.

He married Loann Sanders on June 22, 1947 in Claypool. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, William and Betsy Schlemmer of Wabash, Dave Schlemmer of Auburn and James Schlemmer of Wabash; and two grandchildren, Caroline Schlemmer and Ross Schlemmer of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel of Wabash. The Rev. Mark A. Day and David Henderson will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Awareness Association of Central Indiana or Christ United Methodist Church of Wabash.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Area Deaths

Virginia Norton

AUBURN — Virginia Margaret Norton, 76, died today, July 31, 2002, at 3 a.m. in her rural Auburn home, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Norton worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 21 years, retiring in 1983. She was an active member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Aug. 22, 1925, in Racine, Wis., to William and Frieda Luedtke.

She married Loyal Norton on Dec. 20, 1945, in Racine. He died June 15, 1998.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Deb Norton of St. Joe, and Grant and Pam Norton, Larry and Gail Norton, and Jerry and Kay Norton, all of Butler; one sister, Marion Martinson of Racine; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, William Luedtke, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

ANGOLA — **Wava L. Frever**, 98, died July 17 in Lakeland Nursing Center of Angola. Memorial services were held Saturday in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens-Chapel.

GOSHEN — **Sara R. King**, 73, died Monday at 9:20 a.m. She was a former Angola residents. Services Friday at 10 a.m. in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. Calling Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **David F. Castator**, 46, died Dec. 22, 2001, at Manor Care Nursing Home, St. Petersburg, Fla. Graveside services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

CHURUBUSCO — **Retha F. Petrie**, 74, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda Davis**, 54, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Aug. 8 in Battle Lake, Minn. Gathering of friends 6-10 p.m. Friday at Winchester Place.

FORT WAYNE — **Edward M. Evans Jr.**, 75, died Monday at home. No services. Calling 4-6 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **E. Lewis Kester**, 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **LaMar L. Kilmer**, 60, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Henry J. Helberg**, 79, died Monday at home. No services. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Junia Q. Werst Kratzman**, 95, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Thursday at Deaton Funeral Home, Bourbon, with calling noon-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **June E. Berghoff Miller**, 56, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Friday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church. Rosary 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Kathryn E. McCollum Turner**, 86, died Tuesday at home. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, Crawfordsville.

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Timothy Finn

HAMILTON — Timothy L. Finn, 57, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at 9:30 p.m. in his home on Hamilton Lake.

Mr. Finn was a product engineer for the Fort Wayne Foundry. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army and earned a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Dayton in Ohio. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Angola post of the American Legion, the Eagles Lodge of Lima, Ohio, and the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born July 27, 1945, in Lima, Ohio, to Lawrence W. and Mary F. (Binkley) Finn. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Sue Pope on June 10, 1967, in Lima, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry R. Finn of Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Anne M. Finn and Julie A. Finn, both of Hamilton; one brother, Thomas Finn of The Philippines; and two sisters, Mary N. Miller of Coronado, Calif., and Geraldine R. Finn of Findlay, Ohio.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Hefty

HAMILTON — Helen L. Hefty, 76, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 9 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Hefty was a homemaker, farmer and an avid gardener. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxilliary.

She was born Jan. 22, 1926 in Kendallville to Clarence and Rose (Seng) Croninger. They preceded her in death.

She married Ralph Hefty on March 31, 1943. He died June 7, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keven R. and Shery L. Hefty of Hamilton; one daughter-in-law, Julie Hefty of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Phillip, Jason and Jon Hefty and Sunnette Lloyd; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, John and Robert Hefty, and one brother, Robert Croninger.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. Paul Mark will officiate.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Michael Hall

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michael David Hall, 34, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at 3:45 p.m. in Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Hall was a former Waterloo resident. He worked in the X-ray department at Mount Carmel Hospital.

He was born June 5, 1968, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to David and Dianne (Waldrip) Hall. His father survives in Willis, Texas, and his mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, James Hall and Tim Hall, both of Butler; and his grandmothers, Ruth Hall of Butler and Vera Waldrip of Longview, Wash.

Services will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling after 4 p.m. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Kramer

MARION — Robert John Kramer, 58, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Marion General Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Kramer lived in Gibson County until his late 20s, then moved to Topeka, where he served the Westview School Corp. as business manager and transportation director for 18 years.

He had lived in Marion the last 12 years, where he was an associate at Wal-Mart. He was a member of Temple Congregational Church, Marion. He enjoyed extended vacations.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Oakland City College.

He was born Oct. 4, 1943, in Gibson County to Nobel Henry and Emma Lisetta Marie (Kracht) Kramer. He married Cheryl L. Smith Nov. 17, 1973, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange. She survives in Marion.

Also surviving are a son, Frederick L. Kramer of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mark Rayn of Swanton, Ohio; a brother, Marvin Kramer of Fort Branch; a sister, Joan Dukes of Sugarhill, Ga.; a grandchild; and three stepgrandchildren.

A brother, Kenneth Kramer, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Baptist Church. The Rev. Allen Holmes and Berton Smith, Mr. Kramer's brother-in-law, will officiate. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

The Rev. Jared Gerig

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Rev. Jared Franklin Gerig, 95, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Glencroft Retirement Center, Glendale.

Rev. Gerig was a pastor in Auburn, Cleveland, Phoenix, Van Nuys, Calif., and Sun City, Ariz. He was dean of Pacific Bible College, Azusa, Calif., and dean and president of Fort Wayne Bible College. He taught at both of those schools, the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, and Jamaica Theological Seminary, Kingston, Jamaica. He was president of the Missionary Church and National Association of Evangelicals.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Gerig; two sons, the Rev. Wesley Gerig of Fort Wayne and the Rev. William Gerig of Glendale; a daughter, Gwen Riewald of Sun City West, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Son Foster Park Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Taylor University, Fort Wayne, or the church.

Thurs. August 1, 2002 (Con.)

Roberta Heileman

ALBION — Roberta R. Heileman, 64, died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room.

Mrs. Heileman was employed for 10 years at Lyall Electric, Albion, retiring July 27, 1987. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Waterloo.

She was born April 29, 1938, in Albion to Guy and Ethel (Feightner) Moore. She married Raymond C. Heileman Sr. Sept. 9, 1955, in Villa Platte, La. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond Heileman Jr. and Millie Heileman of Albion and Roy and Betty Heileman of Ligonier; four daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Larry Myers, Deborah and Steve Kline and Ruth and Del Owen, all of Albion, and Nancy and John Adams of Ligonier; four brothers, Gerald Hullinger of Albion, Ronald Moore of Sugarland, Texas, Guy Moore Jr. of Irving, Texas, and William Moore of Eagle Lake, Texas; a sister, Rebecca Thompson of Albion; 26 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a stepmother, Ezora Moore of Eagle Lake.

A son, Jackie, and a great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Free Will Baptist Church, Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Brian S. Lewis**, 37, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Private services. Celebration of life services 2-6 p.m. Aug. 17 at Turnstone Center.

KENDALLVILLE — **Valette Elizabeth Jack**, 88, died Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Baumgartner**, 58, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Memorial services noon Friday at Anchor Community Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Arthur C. "Artie" Bottoms Jr.**, 53, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Friday at E.Harper & Son Funeral Home with calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **James T. Scott**, 73, died July 21. Memorial services 10:30 a.m. Friday at South Wayne Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Albert T. Trudell**, 80, died Feb. 12 in Orange Park, Fla. Memorial services 11 a.m. Aug. 10 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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Larry Conley

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Larry D. Conley, 60, of Hicksville, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Conley retired in 1991 after 30 years of service with International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He was a 1961 graduate of Fairview High School and a past member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was born June 8, 1942, in Hicksville to Virgil and Beatrice (McCutchen) Conley. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are two brothers, LeRoy Conley and Lowell Conley, both of Hicksville; and two sisters, Ines Hart of Surprise, Ariz., and Ellen Sholl of Hicksville.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date with Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery in Paulding County, Ohio.

Calling is Saturday from 8-10 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kidney Foundation.

Robert Rowe

BOISE, Idaho — Robert Rowe, 79, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, from a cerebral hemorrhage

Mr. Rowe was an auto mechanic and maintenance man until his retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Air Force with HQ 15th A.F. 301st Bomb Group, 352nd Bombardment Squadron during World War II. He achieved the rank of staff sergeant and was a tailgunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress, completing 50 missions. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

He lived in Indiana until moving to Boise, Idaho, in 1970. He enjoyed woodworking and creating toys, specializing in airplanes, wagons and scooters for neighborhood children.

He was born Feb. 14, 1923, in Hudson to John and Clara (Ladd) Rowe.

He married Marilyn Alleshouse on April 14, 1951, in Hudson, and she survives.

Also surviving are three children, Jerry R. Rowe of Emmett, Idaho, Debra A.Schrecongost of Portland, Ore., and Brenda S. Keith of Boise; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Joseph Casey of Angola, and Pat and Robert Learmaster of Middleton, Idaho; a brother, Neil Rowe of Emmett; two grandchildren and a spouse, Robert J. Schrecongost and his wife, Michelle, and Lucas F. Rowe; one great-granddaughter, Riley M. Rowe; and nieces and nephews.

A son-in-law, John C. Schrecongost, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Terrace Lawns Memorial Gardens in Boise.

Memorials are to Humphrey Diabetes Center, 1226 W. River, Boise ID 83702.

Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel, Meridian, is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Becker

WOODBURN — Margaret Edith Becker, 87, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Spencerville native was a librarian for seven years at Milan Center and Woodburn Elementary schools, retiring in 1980.

Surviving are three sons, Dr. Lowell Becker of Terre Haute, the Rev. Nils Becker of Dana Point, Calif., and Lynn Becker of Woodburn; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Ervin C. Becker, preceded her in death.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Woodburn Missionary Church. Burial will be at Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Memorials are to the Jesus Film Project, church missions or Westwood Fellowship Missions.

Joan Oddou

KENDALLVILLE — Joan M. Oddou, 72, of Kendallville, died at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Oddou was a homemaker and had lived in Kendallville for the last 10 years, having moved from Fort Wayne, then Leo and Fort Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Fort Myers Florida Thunderbird Park Womens Club, and St. Coulmaille Catholic Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

She was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Catherine (Manweiller) Hartman. She married Harold Oddou in November 1947 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Williams of Mountain Lake, N.J., Sue and Stephen Lengacher of Leo-Cedarville, Patricia and Scott Moore of Auburn, and Christine West of Garrett; a son, Dr. William Oddou of Philadelphia, Pa.; a sister, Hillis Colby of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul Hartman of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A grandchild and her parents preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Entombment is in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Memorials are to the Nature Conservatory.

Friday, August 2, 2002 (Con.)

Ruth Stonebraker

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Stonebraker, 97, of Kendallville, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Stonebraker attended Tri-State College, Angola, and the National College of Education at Northwestern University, Chicago. She taught in Butler before her marriage. She and her husband moved to Kendallville. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, where she taught Sunday School, was a district officer and a member of the Lydia Circle. She was also a girl scout leader and past president of Tri Kappa.

Mrs. Stonebraker

She was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Butler to William and Elva Capp. She married John Stonebraker June 1, 1926. He preceded her in death Oct. 3, 1981.

A son, Richard, also preceded her in death July 20, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Robert Cooke of Milford, Conn.; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Stonebraker of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, John, Robert and Sherrill Cooke, Richard, Roger and Ben Stonebraker and Jennifer Stonebraker Upchurch; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church United Methodist with Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Edwin L. Crist**, 81, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jean L. Hitchcock**, 77, died Wednesday at home. Services noon Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling 10 a.m.-noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie E. Smith**, 95, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Mass of Christian Burial 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, with calling noon-1 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie Emily Catherine**, 82, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary R. Winners**, 41, died Thursday at home ine Wernersville, Pa. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

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Constance Solomon

SEMORA, N.C. — Constance "Connie" Solomon, 48, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, while on vacation in Frisco, N.C.

Mrs. Solomon was an account manager for IBM. She graduated from LaSalle High School and Ivy Tech State College and lived in Semora, N.C.

She was born Oct. 5, 1953, in Elkhart to Jack Hess Sr. and P. Henrietta (Smith) Hess. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Dennis Solomon on Feb. 27, 1998, in Jamaica. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Troy Wray of Holly Springs, N.C., and Chad and Sarah Wray of Durham, N.C.; one sister, Cheryl Beck of Wakarusa; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Hess Jr. and Sally Hess of Syracuse, Ind., Gene L. and Diana Hess of Mattawan, Mich., and Dr. Gary A. and Sandy Hess of Dexter, Mich.

Services will be held Sunday at 3:15 p.m. in Reith-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Justin Lamason of the Nappanee Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be in Olive (West) Cemetery.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, N.C.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart or the American Heart Association.

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FORT WAYNE — **Jean L. Hitchcock**, 77, died Wednesday at home. Services are noon today at C.M. Sloan & Son Funeral Home. Calling is 10 a.m.-noon today.

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Nevil Smallwood

MONGO — Nevil Smallwood, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Smallwood was a homemaker and a former employee of LaGrange Nursing Home. She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born June 17, 1929, to Coy and Rebecca (Calhoun) Johnson in Bevinsville, Ky. She married Arthur J. Smallwood on Jan. 9,1947, in Paintsville, Ky. They moved to LaGrange County in 1967. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1987.

Also preceding her in death are two sisters, three brothers and two grandsons.

Surviving are seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Verna and Wayne Gitt and Birdenna and Richard Smith, all of LaGrange, Sandra and Earmal Moore of Bronson, Mich., Glema and Tim Norris and Angela and George Jenkot, all of Howe, Paula and Matt Hile of Kendallville and Marsha Hawver of Fort Wayne; seven sons and five daughters-in-law, Hughie and Melvie Smallwood of Bevinsville, Ky., Morris and Sharon Smallwood of Mongo, Dale and Cathy Smallwood of LaGrange, Augusta and Julie Smallwood of Wonewoc, Wis., Wendall Smallwood of Burr Oak, Mich., Bert and Sharon Smallwood of Bronson, Mich., and Karl Smallwood of Howe; five sisters, Geraldine Martin of LaGrange, Hermia Arnold and Noarine Bower, both of Kendallville, Gwen Hall of Neon, Ky., and Christine Marshall of Hampton, Va.; three brothers, Bob Johnson of Homer, Mich., and Winston Johnson and Arthur Johnson, both of Neon, Ky.; 29 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling is 3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice & Home Care in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Earl Schlotterback

GARRETT — Earl M. Schlotterback, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett, where he had lived since Feb. 25.

Mr. Schlotterback was the owner of Schlotterback's Grocery in Garrett from 1969-1987. He also worked at the Pet Milk Plant in Garrett and as an oiler on the B&O Railroad. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Mr. Schlotterback

He was born Oct. 14, 1928, to Marion Earl and Mary Blanche (Malcolm) Schlotterback in Garrett. He married Elsie E. Kleiber on Dec. 8, 1950, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Darlene Schlotterback of Kendallville and Eugene and Lorna Schlotterback of Garrett; three granddaughters, Kimberly Micelli of Fort Wayne and Bethany and Emily Schlotterback, both of Kendallville; a grandson, Brett Schlotterback of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Deborah Kay Schlotterback.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Opal Beck

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Snyder Beck, 80, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Beck was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 4, 1922, to Clyde J. and Alice V. (Gantz) Snyder in DeKalb County.

Surviving are two sisters, Vera Haines of Eaton, Md., and Mildred Bard of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Snyder of Auburn; seven nephews; and 13 nieces.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Edward J. Beck, and four brothers, Willis Snyder, Lawrence Snyder, Glenn Snyder and Warren Snyder.

Services are at noon Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. David Schlehe will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling is two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evelyn Gressley

HUNTINGTON — Evelyn Gressley, 98, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

Before retiring in 1984, Mrs. Gressley worked at Gass' Ladies Shop in Huntington as a sales clerk for 25 years. She was a former member of Central Christian Church in Huntington.

She was born June 4, 1904, to John and Sylvia (Russell) Jones in Rose Farm, Ohio. She moved to Huntington in 1920 and married Carl C. Wilson that year. He preceded her in death in 1946. She then married Ray B. Gressley on May 12, 1956, in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Carl Wilson of New Port Richey, Fla.; a daughter, Gloria Adkins of Albion; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by two sons, Clyde Wilson and Richard Wilson; a daughter, Maxine Wilson; four brothers, Bill Jones, Raymond Jones, Harley Jones and George Jones; and two grandchildren.

Services are private. Burial will be in the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington.

Memorials are to Norwood Nursing Center or Home Health Care & Hospice, care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

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Harold Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Bower Hanes Jr., 73, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at home.

Mr. Hanes worked as a teacher, administrator and coach in Frankfort, Valparaiso, Chesterton, Richmond and West Lafayette. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Hanes

He was born Sept. 16, 1929, to Harold B. Hanes Sr. and Hilda (Cox) Hanes Gibbons. He played baseball for Purdue University. He married Cleo Dukes in Kendallville on Feb. 2, 1951. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Hanes of Mishawaka; three brothers, Howard Hanes of Glen Rock, N.J., Hugh Hanes of Huron, Ohio, and Hal Hanes of Pekin, Ill.; and two sisters, Hannah Johnson of Fort Wayne and Hope Fey of Indianapolis.

Preceding him in death was a son, Steven Hanes.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. David Hogsett will officiate.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to the East Noble High School Harold B. Hanes Jr. Scholarship in Teaching.

Harry Steckley

FORT WAYNE — Harry G. Steckley, 46, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

The Auburn native worked for Industrial Insulation and Roofing for 25 years. His hobbies were fishing and collecting Hot Wheels. He was a member of Broadway Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Alice K. Steckley; his mother, Glenys M. Podrasky of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Carol Steckley of Butler; three brothers, James Steckley of Waterloo, Jack Steckley of Butler and John Steckley of Warsaw; two sisters, Judith Christlieb and Janet Foar, both of Waterloo.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the family.

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Rolland Smith

ASHLEY — Rolland "John" Smith, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Smith worked at Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 47 years, retiring in 1997. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 25, 1933, in Decatur to Frank and Daisy (Henderlien) Smith. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Lucille M. Littlefield on July 3, 1951. She died July 31, 1997.

Surviving are a companion, Judy Whitman of Ashley; two sisters, Bessie Ort of Fort Wayne and Irene Pierce of Alaska; and several nieces and nephews.

Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with calling after noon. The Rev. J. Arnold Fair will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marjorie L. Drake

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie L. Drake, 84, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

The DeKalb County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, David Drake; two sons, Terry L. and Gary A. Drake, both of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethel United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Norma K. Conklin**, 92, died Saturday at 7:40 p.m. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Graveside service Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Big Rapids, Mich. Calling today from 5-8 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

ANGOLA — **Merna May Cunningham Shipe**, 89, died Sunday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola. Graveside services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara Neuhaus**, 78, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home and 9:30-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Vigil services with rosary 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

FREMONT — **Irving H. Caswell**, 66, died Sunday. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Patricia Miller

FAIRFIELD GLADE, Tenn. — Patricia Hope Miller, 74, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in Cumberland Medical Center.

She was a retired candy maker with Kraft Food Co. She formerly lived in Kendallville and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Hudson to Russell R. and Martha Louise (Chipman) McClish. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Randal D. Miller of Indianapolis and David R. Miller of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Vicki L. Hodge of Toledo, Ohio, and Karen E.Toohill of Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers, Vaughn Clash of Crossville and Glen Clash of Butler; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Mendenhall of Montpelier, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Allen Miller; three sisters, Merlee Brand, Ida Green and Betty Diosdado; and one great-granddaughter, Jilliana Jolie Pena.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Hood Funeral Home, Crossville, with the Rev. Jonathan Brumley and the Rev. Heather Landrus officiating.

Memorials are to the Tennessee Cancer Center of Cumberland County, The American Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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James O'Hara Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James Edward O'Hara Sr., 62, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at his daughter's home in El Cajon, Calif.

The Fort Wayne native was a self-employed businessman who owned two restaurants in Indiana and a retail store in San Diego. He had also worked at Home Depot and was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Surviving are four daughters, Kathleen Fryberg of El Cajon, Deborah Montgomery of Auburn, Karen Lewis of Muncie and Susan Saalfrank of Hoagland; six sons, James O'Hara Jr. and Jesse, Mike and Dale Zent, all of Fort Wayne, John P. O'Hara of LaGrange and Jeff W. O'Hara of El Cajon; a brother, Thomas M. O'Hara; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at Greenlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

Arrangements are by the Neptune Society of Lakeside, Calif.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Ruth E. Stock** died Monday at 3:23 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

FREMONT — **Irving Harold Caswell**, 66, died Sunday. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in East Gilead Missionary Church in Gilead Township, Branch County, with calling after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at the church. Additional calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

FORT WAYNE — **Carl A. Magley**, 73, died Sunday at Golden Years Homestead. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Violet M. Richhart**, 85, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Private services and calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Shirley M. Lindelien**, 63, died Sunday at Covington Manor. Services 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Schneider Funeral Home, Janesville, Wis., with calling noon-1:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Rita Ann Martin**, 42, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. No services. Calling 6-8 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorl N. Roe**, 69, died Sunday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Third Street Church of God. Calling 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home and 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Terry L. Wilson**, 40, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday ant 10-11 a.m. Thursday.

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Martha Fraley

HAMILTON — Martha R. Fraley, 92, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

She was a native of Koren, Ohio, and worked at Lyall Electric.

Surviving are three sons, Eugene Fraley of Wels, Australia, Aeloy Fraley of Hamilton and Rolland Fraley of Ashley; four daughters, Clara Musser of Sylvania, Ohio, Martha Sallows of South Bend, Joyce Ice of Angola and Jan Myers of Hamilton; a brother, Everett Legge of Bellefontaine, Ohio; a sister, Bertha Hughes of Bellefontaine; 37 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rollie Fraley, in 1988, and three sons, Thomas, George and Louie Fraley.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Transitional Living or a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Herendeen

GARRETT — Robert J. "Red" Herendeen, 67, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at 7:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital's emergency room in Auburn. He had been taken there a short time earlier from Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a resident for the past year.

Mr. Herendeen worked at Pepsi Cola in Fort Wayne, for over 15 years, and retired in 1996 as a tow motor operator at OMC Aluminum Boat Group in Syracuse.

He was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Allen County to Louis G. and Matilda (Hodson) Herendeen, and spent his formative years in Fort Wayne. He spent most of his adult life in Churubusco and lived in Pierceton for a time before entering the nursing home.

His wife, Elcie (Parker) Herendeen, preceded him in death Dec. 19,1993.

A sister, Helen Niccum, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Dale Herendeen of Indianapolis, Andy and Paula Herendeen of Fort Wayne and Tom and Jane Herendeen of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Frank Inman of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Barbara Herendeen of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Richard Wheeler of Angola and Bess and Richard Thompson of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Lois Watkins, pastor of LaOtto Wesleyan Church, will officiate. Internment will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sumpathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Stock

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Stock, 89, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at 3:23 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stock lived in Angola and formerly lived on Snow Lake. She was a restaurant manager and manager of Lake James Country Club. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Jane Adams Society, Angola Elks Ladies and Pleasant Lake Lions Ladies. She graduated from Luther Institute.

She was born April 21, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Adolph and Marie (Schmidt) Bleeke.

She married Wilmer Stock on Feb. 28, 1932. He died Sept. 23, 1999.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James W. and Anita Stock, John F. and Diane Stock, and Jeffrey L. and Fern Stock, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith A. and Joe Colandino of Garrett, and Janice K. and John Kryling of Granger; one brother, Justin Bleeke of Decatur; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 Williams St., Angola, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor Thomas Herbon of Goshen will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Calvary Lutheran building fund or Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Patricia Miller

FAIRFIELD GLADE, Tenn. — Patricia Hope Miller, 74, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in Cumberland Medical Center.

She was retired from her work as candy maker with Kraft Food Co. She formerly lived in Kendallville and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Hudson to Russell R. and Martha Louise (Chipman) McClish. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Randal D. Miller of Indianapolis and David R. Miller of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Vicki L. Hodge of Toledo, Ohio, and Karen E. Toohill of Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers, Vaughn McClish of Crossville and Glen McClish of Butler; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Mendenhall of Montpelier, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Allen Miller; three sisters, Merlee Brand, Ida Green and Betty Diosdado; and one great-granddaughter, Jilliana Jolie Pena.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Hood Funeral Home, Crossville, with the Rev. Jonathan Brumley and the Rev. Heather Landrus officiating.

Memorials are to the Tennessee Cancer Center of Cumberland County, The American Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Wilbur Ryan

DELTONA, Fla. — Wilbur W. Ryan, 72, died Sunday evening, Aug. 4, 2002, in his home in Deltona, Fla.

Mr. Ryan moved to Deltona 20 years ago from Butler. He was the retired director of purchasing for S & H Fabricating in Sanford, Fla., and a member and deacon of Grace Baptist Church, Deltona. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in Korea. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

He was born in Camden Township in Michigan to Freeman and Hattie (Powers) Ryan.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Wanda C. Ryan; two sons, the Rev. Patrick Ryan of Appleton, Wis., and Kelly Ryan of Hopkins, Mich.; two daughters, Patrice Potter of Fort Wayne and Kimberly Osborn of Deleon Springs, Fla.; one brother, Charles Ryan of Angola; two sisters, Arlene Tuttle of Ashley and Marian Ryan of Angola; and 17 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Grace Baptist Church, 3170 Howland, Blvd., Deltona. Entombment will be in Deltona Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Deltona Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery, 1295 Saxon Blvd., Orange City, Fla.

Memorials are to the church memorial fund.

Area Deaths

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — **Andrew J. Leeuw**, 88, a former Fort Wayne resident, died Monday. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

KIMMELL — **Felix Howard Waggoner**, 73, died Monday at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Vira "Vi" M. Wilson**, 90, died Tuesday at her son's home in Kirklin. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 1-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Edward "Grass" Green**, 63, died Monday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at greater Progressive Baptist Church, with calling 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Janet E. Rohyans**, 66, died Saturday at home. Services 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Calling 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Rosary 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Cynthia S. Swagart**, 45, died Tuesday at home. Services 10:30 a.m. Friday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Reynolds Swanson**, 78, died Saturday in Weston, Fla. Services 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

William Mertz

CORUNNA — William C. Mertz, 83, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Mertz was a lifetime farmer and was a Surge dairy equipment dealer for six years.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, a board member for the DeKalb County Council on Aging and a 50-year member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He served eight years as a member of the first school board for the DeKalb Central United School District.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Ione (Tayler) Mertz; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jane Mertz of Muncie; and two grandchildren, Andrew Mertz of Indianapolis and Molly Mertz of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lulu Bell Lung, and a brother, Kenneth Herbert Mertz.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or the Heimach Senior Center of Auburn.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Martha Fraley

ANGOLA — Martha R. Fraley, 92, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Fraley was employed by Lyall Electric before her retirement.

She was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Koren, Ohio, to Levi and Mary Anna (Shields) Legge.

She married Rollie Fraley in 1927 in Kenton, Ohio. He died in 1988.

Surviving are three sons, Eugene Fraley of Wels, Austria, Deloy Fraley of Hamilton and Rolland Fraley of Ashley; four daughters, Clara Musser of Sylvania, Ohio, Martha Sallows of South Bend, Joyce Ice of Angola, and Jan Myers of Hamilton; one brother, Everett Legge of Bellefontaine, Ohio; one sister, Bertha Hughes of Bellefontaine; 37 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

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She was preceded in death by three sons, Thomas Fraley, George Fraley and Louie Fraley; two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Joseph Schwartz officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Memorials are to Steuben County Transitional Living or an organization of the donor's choice.

Joseph Beeber

FORT WAYNE — Joseph E. Beeber, 66, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

A Garrett native, Mr. Beeber retired in 1994 as a foreman at Dana Corp. Gear Division, Fort Wayne, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

His first wife, Judy Beeber, preceded him in death in 1982.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Beeber; a daughter, Beth Montemurro of St. Louis; a son, Brad Beeber of Cape Coral, Fla.; two stepsons, Brad Stevens of Hamilton Lake and Brian Stevens of San Jose, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Marilyn Petersen of Fort Wayne and Millie Farquhar of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Tom Beeber of Adams Lake; three sisters, Mary Ruth and Naomi Beeber, both of Auburn, and Janice Kappel of Garrett; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 49.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

James Vaughn

FORT WAYNE — James E. Vaughn, 61, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1998 from the Allen County Sheriff's Department after 34 years and was a Wayne Township Fire Department volunteer.

Surviving are his wife, Vicki D. Vaughn; a son, James K. Vaughn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Angela B. Vaughn of Denver; and two sisters, Marcia Stevens of Bunnell, Fla., and Sharon strong of Waterloo.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and noon-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American heart Association.

Mary Schwartz

BERNE — Mary N. Schwartz, 88, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at home.

The Kokomo native was a homemaker.

Surviving are 10 sons, Enos M. Schwartz of Spencerville, Menno M., Raymond M., Nathaniel M. and Leander M. Schwartz, all of Geneva, and Jacob X., Ruben M., Jonas M, William M. and Joe M. Schwartz, all of Berne; seven daughters, Rosie Hilty and Maryann Schwartz, both of Geneva, Lizzie Neuenschwander of Burr Oak, Mich., Lucy Zehr of Grabill, Katie Schwartz of Monroe and Martha Schmidt of Salem; 184 grandchildren; 446 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jonas Miller of Millerburg, Pa., and Lee Miller of South Carolina; and two sisters, Lucy Bontrager of Alliance, Pa., and Judy Schrock of Hartville, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jacob E. Schwartz, in 2001, and a son.

Services are 9 a.m. Friday at her home, 363E S.R. 218. Burial will be in Amish Bluecreek Township Cemetery, Adams County.

Calling is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today at her home.

Arrangements are by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

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Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Beatrice M. McCormick**, 92, died Tuesday at Kingston of Ligonier. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 3-7 p.m. Saturday.

TOPEKA — **John William Frey**, 79, died Wednesday at home. Services 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home, with calling after 6 p.m. today and all day Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Sam Davenport II**, 46, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services noon Friday at Pickett Funeral Service, with calling 11 a.m.-noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Glen A. Helmrich**, 41, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 4 p.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 p.m. Friday.

Ilene Crowl

BUTLER — Ilene E. Crowl, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at 11 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Crowl was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Feb. 14, 1915, in Edon, Ohio, to Curtis and Stella (Myers) Newman.

She married Bennie E. Crowl on Feb. 14, 1938, in Edon. He died Sept. 3, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Arlene Crowl of Butler and Larry and Betty Crown of Hicksville; one daughter, Ruth Crowl of Butler; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kathie Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 3-7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

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Harold Springer

AUBURN — Harold J. Springer, 78, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, in his Auburn home.

Mr. Springer was a lifetime farmer and worked at General Electric Co. from 1942 to 1946. He also worked at the County Line Cheese factory for nine years and Holland Motor Express for 23 years. He retired May 31, 1988, from Holland Motor Express.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he achieved the rank of corporal and received the Bronze Star.

He was a member of the County Line Church of God, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Farm Bureau, and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born Oct. 18, 1923, in Cedarville to Noah J. and Nona G. (Milliman) Springer.

He married Lila Schlatter on Feb. 16, 1946, in Brush College Church of God, Auburn. She died Dec. 3, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Teresa Springer of Spencerville and Brian and Jackie Springer of Auburn; one brother, Eugene Springer of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Paul Springer, and one sister, Dorothy Garman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St. Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wilbur Ryan

DELTONA, Fla. — Memorial services for Wilbur W. Ryan will be held Sunday at noon at the Jack and Penny Tuttle residence in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Ryan, 72, died Sunday evening, Aug. 4, 2002, in his home in Deltona, Fla.

Mr. Ryan moved to Deltona 20 years ago from Butler. He was the retired director of purchasing for S&H Fabricating in Sanford, Fla., and also retired as a sale representative from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

A member and deacon of Grace Baptist Church in Deltona, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran, stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

He was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Camden Township in Michigan to Freeman and Hattie (Powers) Ryan. He attended school in Metz, Angola and Pleasant Lake, graduating from Pleasant Lake High School.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Wanda C. Ryan; two sons, the Rev. Patrick Ryan of Appleton, Wis., and Kelly Ryan of Hopkins, Mich.; two daughters, Patrice Potter of Fort Wayne and Kimberly Osborn of Deleon Springs, Fla.; one brother, Charles Art Ryan of Angola; two sisters, Arlene Tuttle of Ashley and Marian Ryan of Angola; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Timothy Sean, and two older brothers, Jim and Bill.

Services were held Friday at 10 a.m. in Grace Baptist Church, 3170 Howland, Blvd., Deltona. Entombment will be in Deltona Memorial Gardens.

Deltona Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery, 1295 Saxon Blvd., Orange City, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church memorial fund.

Friday, August 9, 2002 (con)

Alan Bowers

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Alan Bowers, 63, will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, north of Waterloo. The Rev. David Carkenord will officiate.

Lunch will follow the service at Roger's Harvest House in Hamilton.

Mr. Bowers died Feb. 11, 2002, in Hospice House of South Sarasota in Florida.

He worked as an X-ray technician for many years in Miami, Fla. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1956 after attending grade school in Franklin Township.

He was born Nov. 7, 1938, on a farm in Franklin Township.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Bowers of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Christi Bowers of Sarasota, Fla.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Kathryn Bowers of Hamilton, Loren and Mable Bowers of California, and Lyle and Margot Bowers of Norland Park, Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Everett Freed of Waterloo; and three grandchildren.

Lynn Miller

LAGRANGE — Lynn A. Miller, 72, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County, a retired welder from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, and a member of Woodruff Grove Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Wolcottville to Ralph C. and Geraldine (Rowe) Miller. He married A. Martha Magginnis Oct. 6, 1950, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Harvey Stidham of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry L. and Debra Miller of Howe, and Tommy D. and Christina Miller of LaGrange; two brothers, Wayne Miller of LaGrange, and Wally Miller of Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial is in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Sara Josephine Siddall**, 84, died Wednesday. Memorial service Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — The **Rev. Kenneth Napier** died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002. A memorial service will be held in Kendallville at a later date.

MIDDLEBURY — **Simon J. "Si" Herschberger**, 77, died Thursday at home in rural Middlebury. Memorial services 2:30 p.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Calling 6-8 p.m. Friday and 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

ROME CITY — **Sturgill Holliday**, 66, died Wednesday in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville. Services 11 a.m. Sunday at Rock of Ages Church, Rome City. Calling after 5 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the church, where there will be a 6 p.m. service Saturday.

TOPEKA — **Donald Clark Reinhart**, 55, died Wednesday at home. No services or visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

COLUMBIA CITY — **George Gause**, 79, died Wednesday at his Crooked Lake home. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-2 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ariana Blythe Haba**, infant, died July 16. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth Linkhart**, 92, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Maplecrest Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Rae W. Mathers**, 83, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sophie J. Polcsak**, 75, died Thursday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles G. Price**, 78, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Prayers at 9:30 a.m. Monday followed by Mass at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Lake Ave.

FORT WAYNE — **Abla M. Shaheen**, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died July 23 at Canton, Ohio, Christian Home. Services were July 26 at St. George Church, Canton.

FORT WAYNE — **Lois M. Sievers**, 85, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Aug. 2 in Harker Heights, Tex. Services were Aug. 5 in Temple, Tex.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty Simmons**, 75, died Sunday at Life Care Center. Services are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Lake Ave.

LOGAN, Ohio — **Betty M. Wade**, 79, died Wednesday in the hospital in Lancaster, Ohio. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church, Canebrake.

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This obituary is being republished for a typographical error. We apologize for the error.

Ilene Crowl

BUTLER — Ilene E. Crowl, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at 11 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Crowl was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Feb. 14, 1915, in Edon, Ohio, to Curtis and Stella (Myers) Newman.

She married Bennie E. Crowl on Feb. 14, 1938, in Edon. He died Sept. 3, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Arlene Crowl of Butler and Larry and Betty Crowl of Hicksville; one daughter, Ruth Crowl of Butler; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kathie Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 3-7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert W. Brown**, 68, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services are today at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

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Philip Helmer

AVILLA — Philip C. Helmer, 77, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 5:25 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital of Kendallville.

Mr. Helmer was a lifetime farmer. He retired from Stanadyne in Garrett in 1989 after 20 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, American Legion Post 240 of Avilla, and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett. He was a World War II Army veteran and graduated from Avilla High School in 1942.

Mr. Helmer

He was born Sept. 30, 1924, in his home in Avilla to Charles and Mary I. (Demske) Helmer.

He married Wilma M. Fischer in St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 6, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jeffrey Hicov of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Tony Helmer and David and Cindy Helmer, all of Avilla; three sisters, LaRoma Slater and JoAnn Campbell, both of Fort Wayne, and Rita Pera of New York; one brother, James Helmer of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, David Helmer Jr., Sarah Forker, Jeffrey Hicov Jr., Anna Hicov, Jessica Hicov, Cindy Arnold, Matt Helmer and Christina Helmer; and four great-grandchildren, Kyle Forker, Bailee Helmer, and Brittney and Bryce Arnold.

Mr. Helmer was preceded in death by one sister, Pat Helmkamp; two brothers, Virgil and Dale Helmer; and one half-sister, Geraldine Meyer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Doris Shultz

WATERLOO — Doris May Shultz, 81, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shultz was a bookkeeper for Glenmore's Store in Waterloo, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn, RSVP, and the Franklin Township Home Economics Club.

She was born May 27, 1921, in Waterloo to Isaac E. and Helen (Rohm) Johnson.

She married Glen E. Shultz on Sept. 7, 1940. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Marion Shultz of Waterloo and Barry Shultz of Hubbard, Ohio; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Shultz; two brothers, Wayne and Paul Johnson; two sisters, Lois Shipe and Naomi Schlosser; and one grandson, Marion E. Shultz Jr.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Janet Aronson

TOPEKA — Janet E. Aronson, 60, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 6 p.m. in her residence following an illness of five months.

Mrs. Aronson was employed at NISCO in Topeka. She enjoyed bingo and spending time with her grandchildren. She had been a resident of Topeka since 1971 after moving from California.

She was born on May 10, 1942, in Howe to Chauncy and Henrietta (Ache) Burkhead.

She married Mike Aronson on May 10, 1962, in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Sherman Shrock of Ligonier and Vikki and Gary McDowell of Albion; two brothers, Walter Burkhead of LaGrange and Tom Bowies of Florida; a half-brother, Charles Molsen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two stepbrothers, Floyd LeCount of Nappanee and Larry LeCount of Goshen; three half-sisters, Sandra Stewart of Mongo, Linda Pierson of LaGrange and Romona Burch of Union, Mich.; three stepsisters, Helen LeCount of LaGrange, Shelly Burkhead of Union, Mich. and Sandra Mahler of Mongo; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka. The Rev. Gene Troyer will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Calling is at the church, two hours prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the Cancer Center of America in Goshen.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Sheldon Hine

FORT WAYNE — Sheldon Horatio Hine, 95, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at 10:45 p.m. at University Park Nursing Center.

Mr. Hine was the inventor of the Hine Light and was a photographer and illustrator for Lincoln Life Insurance Co. for 15 years. He was a Sagamore of the Wabash and also a World War II veteran.

He was born Jan. 25, 1907, in Toledo, Ohio, to Horatio Sheldon and Maude (Warner) Hine.

His wife, Gertrude "Trudy" (Snyder), preceded him in death.

Surviving are one sister, Kitty Catherine Hause of Arnold, Mo.; one nephew, Steven Hause of St. Louis, Mo.; one cousin, Howard Hine of Waterloo; and a friend, Betty Van Every of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 3:30 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Homebound Meals Inc., 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Sunday, August 11, 2002 (Con.)

William Greasby

COLUMBIA CITY — William G. Greasby, 84, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greasby retired in 1980 after serving 40 years as regional sales manager for the Lehigh Valley and Conrail railroads. He was a member of Angola Elks Lodge 2398.

He was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Milwaukee, Wis. to Albert Greasby Sr. and Minnie (Wangerin) Greasby.

He married Marguerite A. White on April 16, 1942, in Milwaukee. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Mayo Sanders of Fremont and Jane and Basil Kio of Boonton, NJ; one sister, Ruth Bresler of Milwaukee; one brother, Albert Greasby Jr. of Milwaukee; one half-sister, Mildred Just of Milwaukee; two grandchildren, Sally Mulvey of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Christopher Sanders of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Lucille Wright.

A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont. The Rev. David Yaw will officiate.

Memorials are to Northeastern Lodge 210 F & AM, P.O. Box 294, Fremont IN 46737.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Berlen Diehm, taxidermist founder of Diehm Museum

ALBION — Berlen H. Diehm, 88, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 9:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital of Kendallville.

Mr. Diehm was a taxidermist for 70 years. Schools came to tour the taxidermy shop in his home.

In 1965, he founded the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History in Franke Park at Fort Wayne.

An employee of International Harvester Co. for 30 years, he retired in 1960.

He was a member of the Summit City Lodge 170, Scottish Rite (32nd degree) and Mizpah Temple. He was a lifetime member of A.M.A. and the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum and a charter member of DeMolay. He was a member of the O.X.S. Club, a charter member of Hoosier Flying Club, and an honorary lifetime member of Fort Wayne Artists Guild. He was a licensed pilot for 74 years.

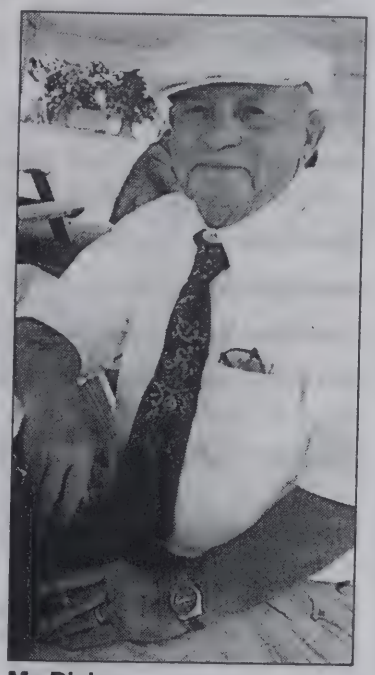
He also was a professional boxer and motorcycle racer.

He was born Aug. 22, 1913, in Fort Wayne and lived there for 58 years. He had been a resident of Albion for 30 years.

His first wife, Violet M. (Fanger), was a co-founder of the Jack D. Diehm museum. She preceded him in death in 1989.

He married Madaline Pound in 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Virginia Taylor of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Jennie Schmidlin, Voneta Stemen and Madiline Hawk, all of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren, Cindy Leatherman, Joe Pounds, and Tenel Bonar, all of Albion, and Scott Pounds of Cromwell; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.



Mr. Diehm

One son, Jack, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Entombment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Funeral services for **Janet A. Boone**, 49, of Fort Wayne, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. She died Friday at home. Calling is from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

FORT WAYNE — Funeral services for **Bonnie E. Beckman**, 74, of Fort Wayne will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. She died Friday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until the services. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

NEW HAVEN — Funeral services for **Rosalie Rupe Merren**, 59, of New Haven, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with calling from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Lung Association. She died Friday at Harborside Healthcare Center.

Elsie Van Dyke

SPENCERVILLE — Elsie M. Van Dyke, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002.

The Lima, Ohio, native was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Melanie Van Dyke of Spencerville and Cheryl S. Davidson of Auburn; three sons, Chesney M. Van Dyke Jr. of Butler, Larry S. Van Dyke Sr. of Lima and William S. Van Dyke Sr. of Woodburn; three brothers, Elwood I. and Leo E. Boop, both of Lima, and Donald E. Boop of Mattawan, Mich.; a sister, Ruth E. Davis of Lima; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Chesney M. Van Dyke Sr., died in 1994.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Betty Friend

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Betty J. Friend, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

She was born in DeKalb County.

Surviving are a brother, Bill Friend of Fort Wayne; a niece; and five nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial will be art Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Robert Dale Richter III** was stillborn Friday at 11:30 p.m. He was the son of Shanon Patton of Fremont and Robert Dale Richter Jr. of Mishawaka. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery.

KENDALLVILLE — **Edna B. Leamon**, 90, died Friday at Heartland Health Center, Three Rivers, Mich. Services 1 p.m. Indiana time Tuesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling 11 a.m.-1 p.m. northeast Indiana time.

TOPEKA — **Katie M. Beechy**, 80, died Sunday at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 4410W — C.R. 350S, Topeka, with calling after 5 p.m. today and all day Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Hilda O. Reber**, 82, died July 31 in Plantation, Fla. Memorial services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Faith Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Dr. Ralph G. Schimmele**, 78, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent Catholic Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Kathy J. Talbott**, 53, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling noon-2 p.m.

John C.F. Walker III

HAMILTON — John C.F. Walker III, 78, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at his home from natural causes.

Mr. Walker retired in 1989 as an electrical engineer after working 23 years for North American Philips in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walker

Before moving to Fort Wayne in 1967, he worked eight years at National Cash Register Co. in Dayton, Ohio. He held patents for phosphorus postage stamp tagging designs used in air mail letter sorting, and other design patents.

He worked at Haller, Raymond and Brown in State College, Pa., in the early 1950s, designing and building vacuum tube computers used in research and development for the defense department.

He was a meteorologist in the Army Air Force during World War II, as a lieutenant stationed in Algiers.

Mr. Walker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, Delta Chi, and the Alumni Association of the California Institute of Technology.

He graduated from high school in Bartlesville, Okla. in 1941. He earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Oklahoma University and a master's degree in meteorology from the California Institute of Technology. He did graduate work in electrical engineering at Penn State University.

He was born Oct. 29, 1923, in El Dorado, Kan., to John C.F Walker II and Edith E. (Lindquist) Walker. His father was listed in Who's Who in Chemistry and American Men of Science as the inventor of a process for the synthesis of formaldehyde, methanol and similar substances by the oxidation of natural gas hydrocarbons. His father retired in 1958 as director of research at City Service Petroleum.

He married Mary Louise Dufford on Oct. 20, 1944, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John C.F. Walker IV of Boulder, Colo., and Frederick C. Walker of Hamilton; one daughter, Judy Louise Walker of Stevensville, Mich.; and one sister, Marilyn Walker of Bridgman, Mich.

One brother, William F. Walker, preceded him in death.

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Private family memorial services will be held in St. Joseph, Mich.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Oscar Wells

PLEASANT LAKE — Oscar Wells, 92, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at his home in Pleasant Lake.

He had been a lifetime farmer in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County. He worked at Garrett Flexible for 11 years, retiring in 1980.

He attended Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo and the Full Gospel non-denominational church in Ashley.

He was born Jan. 14, 1910, in Garrett to Edward and Ettie (Brandy) Wells.

He married Gladys Curtland on March 22, 1930. She died Sept. 26, 1944.

Surviving are one son, Oscar Ray Wells of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Violet Muzzillo and Clara Cox, both of Corunna; one brother, Cecil Wells of Corunna; 21 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Betty Lou Wells and Scharlotte Long; one grandson, Gordon Fluke; one great-great granddaughter, two sisters and six brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frankie Chandler

BLUFFTON — Frankie M. Chandler, 91, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at 6:46 a.m. in Meadowvale Care Center.

Mrs. Chandler was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 25, 1910, in Spencerville to William and Chloe (Kimes) Allen.

She married R. Earl Chandler in 1933 in Spencerville. He died in 1961.

Surviving are two sons, William C. Chandler of Bluffton and Daniel Ada Perry of Berne; one sister, June Hudson of Spencerville; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A grandson, Andy Perry, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. The Rev. James Poling will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the chapel.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Roberta Boren

AUBURN — Roberta June Boren, 80, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 42 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Norris Chapel Church of rural Auburn.

She was born April 21, 1922, in Garrett to Burdett and Faye (Smurr) Charleswood.

Surviving are one son, Danny Boren of Auburn; three daughters Evana Keener of Butler, Judy Freeman of Auburn and Clara Haiflich of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Caroline Faye Boren; and one brother, Robert Charleswood.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital of Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Tuesday, August 13, 2002 (con)

M. Katherine Hasselman

KENDALLVILLE — M. Katherine Hasselman, 84, of Kendallville, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at 4:20 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill at Kendallville.

On Sept. 4, 1917, in Kendallville, she was born to Claude T. and Nellie M. (Waldron) Smith. She married Carl W. Hasselman in Corunna on March 12, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1997.

She was a lifetime area resident, a homemaker and Kendallville High School graduate. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, and the Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Terri Hasselman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Howard Hodge of Wolcottville and Kathy and Patrick Young of Kendallville; four brothers, Charles "Bud" Smith of Kendallville, James Smith of Fort Wayne, Robert Smith of Largo, Fla., and Bill Smith of Columbia City; five grandchildren with four spouses, Daniel Hasselman, Steven and Karen Hodge, Matthew and Amy Hasselman, Adam and Stephanie Young, and Beth and Donald Mosley; and nine great-grandchildren, Melissa, Brian and Joseph Hodge, Dakoyta Hasselman, Lane Hasselman, Leanne and Carl Young, and Matthew and Mark Mosley.

A sister, Arcille Skelly, and two brothers, Lauren and Harold Smith, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Dr. Kent R. Hunter and the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or the Church Growth Center.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Edward G. Maxwell**, 66, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

GREENFIELD — **Clair J. Williams**, 67, died Sunday at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. No services. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **Modelle F. Ramer**, 92, died Monday in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling 4-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Zenda Lopshire Beucler**, 101, died Monday at Towne House Health Center. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Monroeville United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Monroeville.

FORT WAYNE — **Phillip J. Doran**, 75, died Monday at Woodview Health Care Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas L. Fay**, 79, died Sunday at home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Catherine L. Hunsberger**, 88, died Saturday in Cleveland, N.C. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, with calling one hour before services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald Lewis Schram**, 72, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., with calling one hour before services and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Sarah H. Shaw**, 80, died Sunday at Applewood Health Center. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard C. Mulroy**, 79, died Saturday at home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Donna Joan Swihart**, 74, of Huntington, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Dannie Iva "Tootsie" Wilkins**, 76, died Sunday at Beverly Rehabilitation Center. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith St., with calling one hour before services.

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Eva Hart

AUBURN — Eva J. Hart, 93, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 at the Hospice Home of Allen County in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hart was a homemaker. She was born Dec. 28, 1908, in Norton, Va., to Wilson and Martha (Ross) Raleigh.

Her husband, Howard H. Hart, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Glen Hart and Steve Hart, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mary Bowker of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Three brothers, Thurman, Oakley and James Raleigh, and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will take place in Norton, Va., with burial in White Oak Gap Cemetery, Norton, Va.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Allen County.

Eric Wolfe

GRABILL — Eric Keith Wolfe, 41, of Grabill, died Monday evening, Aug. 12, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Wolfe had been a truck driver for Frontier Transport for seven years.

He was born Sept. 8, 1960, in Auburn. His father, Jack K. Wolfe Sr., preceded him in death. His mother, Carolyn (Malsbury) Vanderford, survives in New Haven.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Mildred (Schwartz) Wolfe.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carolyn R. Wolfe of New Haven and Erica A. Wolfe of Grabill; a stepmother, Rita Wolfe of Nashville, Ind.; a sister, Yvette Flanagan of Auburn; a brother, Jack K. Wolfe Jr. of Buford, Ga.; a grandmother, Flossie Wolfe of Leo; and two grandchildren, Eric and Dominik Wolfe, both of New Haven.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Edward Maxwell

FORT WAYNE — Edward G. Maxwell, 66, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was owner of Allen Pattern Works in Fort Wayne, and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Amateur Trap Shooting Association, St. Joe Conservation Club, St. Joe, and the American Foundryman Society Northern Indiana Chapter. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, a former Boy Scout leader for Troop 103, Kendallville, and a former member of the Shoaff Lions Club, Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Dorothy (Roy) Maxwell. His mother survives in Kendallville. In Kendallville July 20, 1957, he married Phyllis Smith. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Skip Rash of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Teresa Maxwell and Matt and Debbie Maxwell, all of Fort Wayne, and Dan and Karen Maxwell of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Lois Maxwell of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Gene Slone of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Jennifer Davis of Muncie, Alex Maxwell of Kendallville and Nicholas, Madison and Jarod Maxwell, all of Fort Wayne; and three stepgrandchildren, Michaelie Chadwell of Marion, Brian Rash of Indianapolis, and Michael Zagtmeyer of Fort Wayne.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, Lafayette Street, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

Janet Woodcox

PARADISE, Calif. — Janet Rosalie Woodcox, 89, of Paradise, Calif., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Aug. 8.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are four daughters, Vivian Allen of Battleground, W.Va., Karen Phillips of Paradise, Sharon Kerns of Oakhurst, Calif., and Pamela Rogers of Santa Clarita, Calif.; three sons, Kenneth Woodcox of San Lucas, Mexico, Keith Woodcox of Surprise, Ariz., and Eugene Woodcox of Paradise; three brothers, Charles of Garrett, Thomas of Fort Wayne and Eugene of LaCrescenta, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Orley Woodcox, in 1994, and a daughter, Janet Sharpnack.

Services were in California, with burial in Paradise Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Pines Funeral Home, Paradise Chapel.

Memorials to St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

John Smith

MONROEVILLE — John W. Smith, 60, died Monday at home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1981 as an inspector from Norfolk & Western Railroad after 16 years and was a Vietnam War veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian L. Smith; a daughter, Vicki Preston of Monroeville; three sons, Clifford E. Smith of Butler and Shannon D. and Jeremy W. Smith, both of Monroeville; two brothers, Walter E. Smith of Monroeville and Merl E. Smith of Fort Wayne; a sister, Carolyn W. Hart of Monroeville; and four grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 lake Ave. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military graveside services.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Memorials to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

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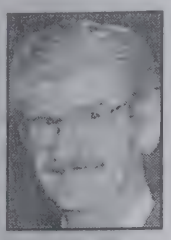
Walter Hamlin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Walter L. Hamlin, 69, died at 10:18 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.



Mr. Hamlin

Mr. Hamlin had lived in Wolcottville since 1949, having moved from Bloomfield. He was a pattern maker and secretary/treasurer of Morr Pattern & Tool in Kendallville, and retired from the Auburn Foundry pattern shop July 28, 1995. He was a former member of Gideons International, a former Big Brother in the 1970s, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy in the Korean War.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Bloomfield to Marcus B. and Leslie (Pafford) Hamlin. He married Jacqueline Morr Feb. 6, 1953, in Waterloo. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, W. Vance and Phyllis Hamlin of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mike Metz of LaGrange; "his girls" and their spouses, Cathy and Gale Shultz of South Milford and Melissa and Greg Dickerson of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Additional survivors include three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Phyllis Hamlin of Bloomfield, and Eugene and Maxine Hamlin and Argile and Marilyn Hamlin, all of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Frances Lafferty of Troy, Ky., Oneita and Donald Bailey of Lakeland, Fla., June Stackhouse and Beulah Morr, both of Kendallville, and Beatrice and John Douglass of South Milford.

A brother, Russell Hamlin, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Ellis Crum of the Church of Christ, Kendallville, and Vance Hamlin will officiate. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Samuel Obeng, c/o of the Church of Christ, The Wreck or Gideons.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Mary Emily Burnadette "Burnie" Wickliffe**, 86, of Knapp Lake, Kimmell, died Monday at Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier. Services noon Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 10 a.m.-noon.

ALBION — **Frank G. "Uncle Frank" Treesh**, 72, died Sunday at home. Services 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Nappanee. Rosary services 7 p.m. Thursday at Fruriip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Oscar E. Kline**, 75, died Tuesday at his daughter's home in Cromwell. Services 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerry D. Allred**, 66, died Monday at home. Services at 1 a.m. Friday at Grabill Missionary Church, with calling one hour before services and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Dupont Road.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Milford Bell**, 94, died Aug. 5 in Braddock Heights, Md. Services were held in Maryland.

FORT WAYNE — **Shirley A. Goetz**, 67, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, with calling 30 minutes before services and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with vigil at 3:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie A. Huge**, 81, died Monday in Davenport, Iowa. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Ill., with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport.

FORT WAYNE — **Marilynn A. Refeld**, 59, died Sunday at home. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn Alberta Salisbury**, 85, died Monday at Towne House Health Center. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity English Luteran Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Amanda Smith**, 70, died Monday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service.

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Harold Englert

AUBURN — Harold L. Englert of Auburn died this morning, Aug. 15, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending with Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Mindy Foster

AUBURN — Mindy Foster, 60, died today, Aug. 15, 2002, at 1 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Banner Kidd

KENDALLVILLE — Banner Kidd, 72, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at his residence.

On Dec. 1, 1929, in Prater Creek, Floyd County, Ky., he was born to William Greenbury and Hulda (Mulkey) Kidd. He married Verleen Akers on Nov. 15, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky. She survives.

Mr. Kidd was a coal miner in Kentucky in his earlier years and also worked at Kendallville Castings from 1975 to 1994.

He was a member of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Banner Jr. and Karen Kidd of South Milford, Rocky and Maria Kidd, and Joe Kidd, all of Chicago; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Darron Burkett of Kendallville, Karen and Steven Brown of Orland, and Jane and James Beardsley of Hudson; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Alpha Kidd, and Clarence Edward and Sheila Kidd, all of Prater, Ky., Bert and Sandy Kidd, and William "Bill" and Betty Akers, all of Lorain, Ohio; four sisters, Lovean Rose and Bertha Boyd, both of Prater, Ky., Oma Ferril of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Maudie Peterson of Eugene, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A stepmother, Rena Boyd, four brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial is in Springfield Township Cemetery north of Mongo.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and anytime after 4 p.m. Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent to: sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Margaruite M. "Marge" Okeley**, 78, of LaGrange, died Tuesday. Services are 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. David Tripp officiating. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Robert F. Hampshire**, 73, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Judith L. Keenan**, 49, of Wolcottville, died Wednesday. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Joe C. Brown**, 95, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Aug. 4. Services were held in Birmingham, Ala.

FORT WAYNE — **Lois Ann Martin**, 50, died Wednesday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Old Trail Road, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James Ray Milligan**, 30, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday in Atlanta. Private family memorial services.

FORT WAYNE — **Judith G. Najib**, 59, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Mesa, Ariz. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Maplecrest Road, with calling from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Charley W. Smith**, 81, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Lake Ave.

FORT WAYNE — **Annie Mae Tabb**, 87, died Monday in Detroit. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at True Love Baptist Church, with calling at the church one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **William Henry "Bratt" Washington**, 75, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday in Faunsdale, Ala.

NEW HAVEN — **Helen Rinard**, 92, died Tuesday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling one hour before services and from 3 to 7 p.m. today. Eastern Star services at 7 p.m.

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Mindy Foster

AUBURN — Mindy M. Foster, 60, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Foster was a homemaker. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mrs. Foster

She was born Aug. 23, 1941, in War, W.Va., to Otis and Patsy (Gibson) Bolen.

She married Richard "Dick" Foster Jr. on July 23, 1960, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Richard Foster Jr. and Rita Foster, Michael Foster and Chad Foster, all of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Chip LaRowe of Auburn, and Dianna and Andy German of Garrett; six brothers and three sisters-in-law, Buford Patton Jr. and Brenda Patton of Butler, John Patton of Auburn, Noah and Karen Patton of Corunna, Lewis Patton of Butler, Steve Patton of Fort Wayne, and John and Angie Patton of Butler; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margie and Steve Stockert of Butler, and Nadine and Jerry Davis of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren, Joshua, Megan, Cody, Austin, Landon and Dylan LaRowe, Tara Lynn VanAllen and Richard L. Foster III.

She was preceded in death by four children, Mathew, Mark, Susan and Lori, and one brother, Forrest Gene Bolen.

Services will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 10:30 a.m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Harold Englert

AUBURN — Harold Lee Englert, 72, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at 12:32 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Englert served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1968. He served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

He worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 16 years and Magnavox in Fort Wayne for five years, retiring in 1989. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 19, 1929, in LaOtto to Charles S. and Hazel M. (Whan) Englert.

He married Constance DePew on Nov. 14, 1949, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Laura Englert of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Julia Ellert of Auburn; five grandchildren, Brandon and Brittney Ellert, and Lindsay, Colis and Kurt Englert; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Englert

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Edwin and Floyd Englert; and three sisters, Thelma Blakeslee, Orpha Andrigo and Marry Herendeen.

Services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 8:30 a.m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 3-7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S.Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Woodward

GARRETT — Donald Lee Woodward, 72, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at 2:36 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodward worked in maintenance for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., retiring in 1983. He was a U.S. Army veteran , serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a 50-year member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge. He was a lifelong Garrett resident.

He was born Feb. 3, 1930, in Kendallville to Buford N. and Golda A (Masten) Woodward. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Anthony Woodward of Greencastle; and two brothers, Robert J. Woodward and Harold Woodward, both of Garrett.

A brother, James Woodward, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with calling after noon. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Creason

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Robert J. Creason, 76, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002.

Mr. Creason was the owner and president of Kansas Cartage Co. Inc. and a collector and lifelong supporter of antique vehicles. He was also an avid sportsman.

He was born Aug. 7, 1926, in Lawrence, Kan., to Reed and Louidia Creason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Art and Sue Creason of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Casey and Rhonda Creason of Basehor, Kan.; three daughters and and two sons-in-law, Susan and Reed Whitaker of Overland Park, Libby and Gary Fortner of Paola, Kan., and Carey L. Creason of Basehor; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held today at Mount Moriah Terrace Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Kearney, Mo.

Memorials are to the National Agriculture Hall of Fame or the National Automotive & Truck Museum of the United States, P.O. Box 686, Auburn.

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Roxanna Yoder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Roxanna F. Yoder, 64, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at 5:49 p.m. in her daughter's home in Paulding County, Ohio.

Mrs. Yoder was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ and Hicksville Fraternal Order of Eagles and a past member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1956.

She was born July 22, 1938, to Clarence and Letha (Waltenburger) Kuhl.

She married Robert Yoder on Aug. 31, 1986, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, William Volkert of Columbia City; two daughters, Alice Moriearty of Dallas and Beth Hughes of Antwerp, Ohio; two stepsons, Robert and Ronald Yoder, both of Butler; one stepdaughter, Debbie Yoder of Butler; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, five step-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchildren.

Her parents and one brother, Dick Kuhl, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with calling after 11 a.m. (Indiana time). Pastor Lloyd Turnbull and Pastor Max Begley will officiate. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Additional calling is Saturday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice the Caring Way.

William Carpenter Jr.

EDON, Ohio — William B. Carpenter Jr., 79, died on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at 6:45 a.m. in Saint Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio.

Mr. Carpenter was a farmer and had retired from the New York Central, Penn Central-Conrail rail system in 1983. He was a World War II Navy Veteran.

Mr. Carpenter was born Nov. 7, 1922, at Pleasant Lake to William Benjamin Carpenter and Loretta Celina (Shotgen) Carpenter.

He married Ilo Rose Siebenaler on Nov. 5, 1947, in Blakeslee, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Jan. 14, 1974.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bernard and Rae Carpenter of Costa Mesa, Calif., Ron and Becky Carpenter of Marion, Ind., Mike and April Carpenter of Swanton, Ohio and Patrick Carpenter of Swanton, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one brother, Albert Lee Carpenter of Auburn; three sisters, Jeanette Hertzeg of Mishawaka, Elaine Bonner of North Olmsted, Ohio, and Mary J. McDaniel of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Tony Carpenter; and one brother, Richard Carpenter.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio. Father Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday after 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Jeffrey R. Woods**, 57, died Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, and noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — **Steven J. Shannon**, 61, of Huntsville, Ala., died Tuesday. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Valhalla Funeral Home Chapel, Huntsville, with calling 5-7 p.m. today.

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Kenneth R. Easterday**, 91, died Wednesday at home. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Ethel L. Bashelier**, 94, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Sally L. Bolinger**, 47, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Anamae B. Bryson**, 88, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Memorial services 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald R. Dressel**, 66, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fairfield Ave., with calling 2-5 and 79 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lacy Pearl Jackson**, 63, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church, Covington Road, with calling 1-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Russell D. Rhodes**, 77, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Foster and Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with calling noon-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **John H. Pfohler**, 69, died Wednesday at Fort Wayne VA Medical Center. Services 1 p.m. Monday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Arleen A. Koehlinger Rathert**, 75, died Wednesday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Praise Lutheran Church, Dupont Road, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

MANSFIELD, Ohio — **Robert W. Stillson**, 91, died Thursday at Mansfield Hospital, Mansfield, Ohio. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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MUNISING, Mich. — **Winn Hedglin**, 86, of Munising, died Monday at 9:20 p.m. in Munising Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Hudson, Ind., and graduated in 1934 from Pleasant Lake High School in Pleasant Lake, Ind. Services were held Thursday at Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn Felberg,** 78, of Fort Wayne died Thursday at home. There will be no services or calling. D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, is in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **Christian Mark Hersha,** infant, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Private services will be held. Memorials are to Erin's House for Grieving Children.

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Stephen Brill

LAGRANGE — Stephen H. Brill, 54, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at the LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Brill was a farmer and Pioneer Seed Representative and was a lifelong resident of Wolcottville. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and a church trustee. Mr. Brill was also an army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a member of the Wolcottville American Legion Post 110.

Mr. Brill

Mr. Brill was born Oct. 25, 1947, to Hugh. G. and Donnabelle (Eshelman) Brill in Sturgis, Mich. Both of his parents survive in Wolcottville.

On Sept. 25, 1971, he married Sue A. (Bassett) Brill in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving in Wolcottville are one son, Scott R. Brill; one daughter, Staci A. Brill; one sister, Jane A. Brill; and two brothers, Jeffrey L. Brill and Barry L. Brill.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville. The Rev. James Barton will officiate. A military graveside service will be held at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Marie Brown

ANGOLA — Marie E. Brown, 99, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at Lakeland Nursing Home.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola. She was also a former member of the Hudson Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Brown

She was born Aug. 1, 1903, to William and Ida (Cook) Schall in Edon, Ohio.

On Dec. 2, 1921, she married Gay E. Brown. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Carrine Croy of Angola, and Barbara Hall of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Tim Seevers will officiate.

Burial is at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Harold Hiers

HUNTINGTON — Harold W. Hiers, 86, died at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Norwoods Nursing Center, Huntington.

Mr. Hiers was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a life member of Huntington V.F.W. Post #2689 and a contributing member of the World War II National Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was also a World War II Army Veteran.

He was born July 21, 1916, in Peru, Ind., to Emanuel and Florence E. (Benner) Hiers.

On Jan. 1, 1939, he married Mary Bolinger and she preceded him in death on March 31, 1984. He then married Ethel Enyeart on March 16, 1985, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1989.

Surviving are one brother, Jerry Hiers; one sister, Margaret Stomberg of St. Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hiers was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Lynn Hiers; one brother, Richard Hiers; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Derr, Marjorie Studebaker and Maxine Studebaker.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Deal-Robbins and Van Gilder Huntington Chapel. Chaplain Karen Kosberg will officiate.

Calling is from noon Tuesday until the service.

Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

Memorials to Parkview Huntington Home Health Hospice Care.

E-mail sympathies to drvgfuneral@skyenet.net.

Sun. August 18, 2002 (Con.)

Karl Bly

CONNERSVILLE — A memorial service was held for Karl H. Bly, 84, who died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, in his Connersville home. He had been under a physician's care and his death was due to natural causes.

A 1935 graduate of Kendallville High School, he graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1940. Mr. Bly was a coach and teacher at Harrisburg High School from 1940-1942 and during the war had worked in production control at McQuay-Norris Manufacturing. He was a member of the American Central Concert Band. In 1943, he joined the faculty at Connersville Junior High School as a teacher and coach. In 1946, he was instrumental in starting up again the Connersville High School football program, which had been disabled since 1933. As an IHSAA accredited official in football and basketball, he was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Eastern Indiana Official's Association, of which he had served as president. He is still listed as an honorary member. Very active in John Connor Players, he had acted in many plays over the years. He directed the production of "Blithe Spirit" and was also honored as best actor and best supporting actor. He was a member of the Connersville Country Club, where he had served as president and vice-president. In 1970, he was transferred to Connersville High School where he taught psychology, economics, philosophy and U.S. history. He retired from teaching in 1976.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he had served as deacon. In 1994, he won the Humanitarian Award presented by the Connersville/Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, he was inducted into the Fayette County School Corporation Education Hall of Fame.

Very active in Kiwanis, he served as the Connersville club's president in 1988-1989, was named distinguished president in 1991-1992, he served as state chairman for the International Convention in Indianapolis. In 1991-1992, he served as Lieutenant Governor of the Rose Division of the Indiana District and was named Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. In 1990, he was awarded the J.L. McCulloch Award by the Kiwanis Indiana District Foundation.

Mr. Bly was born Aug. 19, 1917, in Kendallville to Maurice J. and Clara E. (Reichardt) Bly.

On May 4, 1941, he married Faye V. DeHoff. She preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 1986.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Ann Bly of Knoxville, Tenn; and one daughter, Rebecca A. Bly of Muncie.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas R. Bly.

The memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, in Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home. The Rev. Frederick A. Beck officiated.

Burial was Saturday at Dale Cemetery.

Memorials to the Thomas R. Bly Foundation.

Nathalie Crain

ANGOLA — Nathalie A. Crain, 68, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Crain retired as an assembly worker at Gettig in Angola in 1999 and graduated from school in Fremont, Ind.

She was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Edon, Ohio, to Oscar and Irma (Young) Fisher. Her mother survives in Angola.

On Jan. 30, 1954, she married William L. Crain. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1987.

Surviving are one son, Steven Crain of Angola; one daughter, Lisa Shilling of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Norman and Neil Fisher, both of Fremont; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her father and one brother, Ned Fisher.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. Richard Doenges will officiate.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Burial is at Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Margarita Jimenez

KENDALLVILLE — Margarita D. Jimenez, 78, died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jimenez was a housewife and a member of several organizations including the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86 in Kendallville and the Eagles Lodge #985 Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a past member of the Moose Lodge #1301 Ladies Auxiliary and the V.F.W. #2749.

Mrs. Jimenez

Mrs. Jimenez was born on June 10, 1924, in Brownsville, Texas, to Octavio and Felicetis (Duene's) Marques.

She married Antonio Jimenez in Brownsville, Texas in 1945. He survives.

Survivors include seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Dolores Hatfield of Warsaw, Olga and Joe Hernandez of Kendallville, Mary Jimenez of Kendallville, Minnie and Bobby Baldridge of Claypool, Ind., Ded and Bill Nartker of Avilla, Patty and Doug Terry of Kendallville, and Brenda and Jimmy Agee II of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tony and Linda Jimenez, Jr. of Kendallville, Larry and Bertha Jimenez of Kendallville and Amondo Jimenez of Kendallville; one sister, Lupe Soto of Brownsville, Texas; 38 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jimenez was preceded in death by two granddaughters and one grandson.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall will officiate.

Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery following the service.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

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Mark Trittipo

FORT WAYNE — Mark Thomas Trittipo, 24, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident on Carroll Road.

Mr. Trittipo

Mr. Trittipo was employed at Teleflex in Kendallville. He graduated from Pioneer High School in Royal Center, Ind., and received his certification in chair massage from Regional College of Massage Therapy in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 21, 1978, in Tipton, Ind., to Mark David Trittipo and Tonia J. Mountcastle.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mark David and Tara Trittipo of Logansport; his mother, Tonia J. Knapp of Pierceton; his adoptive mother and father Becky and Daniel Vladetich of Royal Center; five brothers, Joey Knapp of Pierceton, Shawn Trittipo of Royal Center, Tyrone Ball of Lebanon, Ryan Moon of Elwood and Kyle Vladetich of Royal Center; five sisters, Traci Lynn Trittipo of Royal Center, Kimber Dawn Vladetich of Logansport, Amber Hagerman of Anderson, Tiffany Ramsey and Jessica Ramsey, both of Elwood; grandparents, Linda Mills of Elwood, Charles and Glena Trittipo of Greenfield, Ruth Clingerman of Larwill and Hazel Vladetich of Logansport; several aunts and uncles; and special friends, Amanda Kiesling of Columbia City and Matthew Pettigrew of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Edsel Trittipo.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Calling is from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials to the Cherokee Nation Tribe.

Isaac Keller

LaOTTO — Isaac "Ike" D. Keller, 79, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been ill for the last three years.

Mr. Keller was a truck driver for TransAmerican for 32 years and retired in 1986. He also drove for several area trucking firms. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was also a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, loved fishing, camping and RV traveling.

He was born May 29, 1923, in Columbia City to Raleigh and Evie (Miller) Keller and was a lifetime resident of Allen, Noble and Whitley Counties.

His first marriage was on Sept. 1, 1942, in Churubusco to M. June Kaiser and she preceded him in death in 1984. He then married on Nov. 2, 1985, in Allen County to Berneta Smith Lents and she survives.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Richard Osterman of Palmetto, Fla.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Larry L. and Elizabeth Lents of Fort Wayne; three stepgrandchildren; and three sisters and one brother-in-law, LaVelda McCoy of Avilla, Pauline Troyer of LaOtto, Lucille and Lester Green of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at the LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Pastor Lois Watkins will officiate.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before the service.

Memorials to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Sympathies may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Alger Penix

ORLAND — Alger Guy Penix, 83, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

A self-employed carpenter, Mr. Penix lived in Orland, where he was a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Orland Fire Department Board.

He was a member of the first Prairie Heights school board and belonged to Masonic Star Lodge 225, F&AM, of Orland, Scottish Rite — Valley of Fort Wayne. Orland American Legion Post 423, the Orland Congregational Church, and

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 25, 1919, in Verwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Guy and Bertha (Anderson) Penix.

He married Maxine Merriman on June 9, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Pam German of Angola; one sister, Torance Mikkelson of Chino Valley, Ariz.; two brothers, Hermit Penix of Angola and Gale Penix of Chino Valley; two grandchildren and a spouse, Chad and Cherish German of Angola and Bethany German of Toledo, Ohio; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is today from 6-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

Myrtle Robinett

ANGOLA — Myrtle M. Robinett, 92, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002, in Lakeland Nursing Center of Angola.

Mrs. Robinett was a homemaker and lived in Angola.

She was born Oct. 26, 1909, in Fremont to Chester and Florence Yockey.

She married Virgil W. Robinett on March 26, 1932. He died Oct. 13, 1980.

Surviving are one son, Larry Robinett of Michigan City; three daughters, Loene NcNew of Michigan City, Arlene Upp of Butler and Lorinne James of Leo; two brothers, Wilbur Yockey of Roscommon, Mich., and Willard Yockey of Nebraska; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Gene, Conway, Earl and Robert Yockey; and two sisters, Florence Fraiser and Jenny Ebersole.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home of Angola, with calling after 1 p.m. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Vincent V. Busian**, 87, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling form 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **William H. Joslin Jr.**, 52, died Saturday at home. Memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia R. Kreigh**, 81, died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Uniondale. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Roberta Ann Sloan**, 45, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at home in Crystal Lake, Ill. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Algonquin, Ill.

FORT WAYNE — **Roy E. Stump**, 89, died Saturday at home. Private services.

NEW HAVEN — **Donna M. Babcock**, 39, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services at 7 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling two hours before services.

ALBION — **Susanne Maurine Tarr**, 78, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Monson Chapel, Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak,Old Trail Road, and one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — **Beulah M. Johnson**, 83, died Monday at LifeCare Center of LaGrange. Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary V. Parker**, 76, died at 11 a.m. Sunday in Lutheran Hospital emergency room. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Garrard**, 74, died Monday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth B. Hursey**, 92, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Constance E. Huff**, 76, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **William H. Joslin Jr.**, 52, died Saturday at home. Services at 7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Chris L. McElhoe Sr.**, 55, died Saturday at home. Private services, with calling from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, Anderson.

FORT WAYNE — **Mae Marjory Thieme Smith**, 77, of Franklin, La., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ibert's Mortuary Inc., Franklin, with calling three hours before services and from 6 to 9 p.m. today.

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Thomas Parvu

GARRETT — Thomas P. Parvu, 53, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at 6 a.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Parvu was an accountant and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a lifetime resident of Garrett and a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Sept. 7, 1948, in Terre Haute to Theodore N. and Charlotte V. (Bock) Parvu. His mother survives in Garrett and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are one daughter, Heather Hornbeak of Garrett; two brothers, Theodore J. Parvu of Glendale, Ariz., and Michael E. Parvu of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, to cover funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ruth Sutphin

ANGOLA — Ruth Ann Sutphin, 63, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was an administrative assistant with Verizon and a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake, where she was the music director. She enjoyed sewing and singing.

She was born in Tipton County to Lavon and Louise Tolle. Her father died in 1992. Her mother survives in Windfall, Ind.

Also surviving are her husband, Roy Sutphin of Angola; a son, Roy "R.J." Sutphin III of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Nikki Coushman of Nashville, Tenn., and Kristina Sutphin-Carter of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Summers of Anderson; two brothers, John Tolle and Michael Tolle, both of Windfall; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 3365 S. Golden Lake Road, Pleasant Lake, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the church.

Dean Rose

ANGOLA — Dean E. Rose, 81, died June 5, 2002, in Newark, N.Y.

Mr. Rose was in the 8th Air Force in England and was a radio gunner on the B-24 bomber flown by Capt. Leland Nedele, also of Angola.

Mr. Rose was a restaurant owner in Flint, Mich., as well as representative for Superior Coffee in eastern Michigan and Rochester, N.Y. He was manager of a condominium community in Penfield, N.Y. He was active in the Lions Club and the United Methodist Church in Webster, N.Y.

He was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Angola. He graduated from Angola High School in 1938 and attended Michigan State University.

On June 1, 1941, he married Geneva Warstler of Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deanna Stephans of Mount Clemens, Mich.; two sons, Gary of San Diego and David of Fairmont, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Harriet Aughinbaugh of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Martha Latson of Angola; and three brothers, Duane and Ronald, both of Angola, and Charles of Bluffton, S.C.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Angola Christian Church. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery. A service was held in Rochester, N.Y., June 22.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Joe Ann Dunson**, 62, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Wendell Keyser Nicodemus**, 89, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Highland Park Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Marguerite E. Scherler**, 86, died Sunday at Woodview Health Care Center. Memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Roberta "Robbie" York**, 44, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Coppers Cove, Texas. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Coppers Cove. No calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Elmer August Hartman**, 93, died Monday at Lutheran Home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, with calling 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, and one hour before services.

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Patricia Walt

ROME CITY — Patricia A. Walt, 69, died at 10:29 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, as a result of a car-truck collision at the intersection of Drake Road and S.R. 3, Kendallville.

She was an engineer's aide with Magnavox for 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a lifetime resident of the area.

Mrs. Walt

A 1951 graduate of Garrett High School, she was a member of the Albion Eagles, the Avilla American Legion Auxiliary and St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City.

She was born in Garrett on April 21, 1933, to Wilford and Dorothy (Warstler) Hall. Her mother survives in Altona.

She married Robert T. Walt on June 7, 1952, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne and Paula and Randy Belice of Chicago; seven grandchildren, Zachary, Katie, Anny and Cody Whitesell and Tierra, Janel and Chenea Williams; and a sister, Helen Hall of Atlanta, Ga.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullins officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rosary services at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church or Gibault Inc. School for Boys and Girls.

Rodney Kennedy

AUBURN — Rodney E. Kennedy, 50, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, at 9:52 p.m. in a motorcycle accident in rural Auburn.

Mr. Kennedy worked for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring Jan. 1, 2002. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He was an avid fisherman, competing in many bass tournaments and winning the most recent one he had entered.

He was born March 18, 1952, in Garrett to Raymond and Beverly (Deetz) Kennedy. They survive in Auburn.

He married Sharon Grate on June 12, 1971, in Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Aaron Kennedy of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Kay and John Richie of Kendallville; and a granddaughter, Allyssa Richie.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. William Kaster and Marty Longcor will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Jay D. Harris**, 75, died Wednesday. Private family services will be held, with no calling. Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary E. Owen**, 82, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bessie Marie Rose**, 69, died at home. Services pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **James L. Bixby**, 81, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at home in Schaumburg, Ill. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthews Catholic Church, Schaumburg. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Philip W. Galloway**, 52, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 p.m. today and one hour before services. Graveside services at noon Indiana time Saturday in Kirby, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Yvonne Geans**, 53, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jerusalem Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Cheri Sue Hartman**, 17, died Tuesday in Allen County. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Wayne M. Lowery**, 84, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **DeWitt Brooks McGee**, 82, died Tuesday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, with calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church and Masonic services from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Howard L. Simpson**, 72, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Cynthia S. Thornbury**, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at her home in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Sept. 4 in South Carolina. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Annette Watzlavik**, 50, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Aiken, S.C. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

NEW HAVEN — **Mary Kathryn V. Wils**, 83, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park Chapel, Granger, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and 30 minutes before services at the church.

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Argyl Grogg

LAOTTO — Argyl W. Grogg, 86, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at 6:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

He had been in declining health and had been hospitalized since Monday.

Mr. Grogg

Mr. Grogg was a well-known Butler Township farmer, retiring in 1996. He served as a school bus driver for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp. in Garrett for 26 years, and as a school custodian for five years. He was a former member of the Butler Township Advisory Board.

A 1935 graduate of LaOtto High School, he was a lifelong resident of Butler Township and had lived in his present home since 1945.

He was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Butler Township to Ira and Bertha (Yarde) Grogg.

He married Ruth Anna Bracht on Sept. 3, 1935, in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phil A. and Carol Grogg of Fort Wayne, and Joseph L. Grogg of rural LaOtto; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Loyal Grogg, and a sister, Velma Shipe.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco. The Rev. Jerry Machgan, pastor of Altarstar United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of DeKalb County.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

FORT WAYNE — **Lorenzo Zamora**, one day old, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, with calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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Evelyn Countermon

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Evelyn L. Countermon, 85, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at 9:35 p.m. in her Spencerville Street home.

Mrs. Countermon worked at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne owned the Village Inn Restaurant in Hicksville. She was a past member of the Church of the Brethren in Hicksville. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1936.

She was born Jan. 1, 1917, in Hicksville to William and Ressa (Nelson) Keener.

She married George R. Countermon on Aug. 17, 1940, in Auburn. He died Oct. 22, 1988.

Surviving her are one son, Robert Countermon of Hicksville; two daughters, Karen Wann and Cathy Tolliver, both of Hicksville; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, two stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Lotus Elliott; three brothers, Vern, Virgil and Lowell Keener; and one grandson.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Minister Darren Langford of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Maxine Collins**, 81, died Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Memorial services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bessie Marie "Granny" Rose**, 69, died Wednesday at her home. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church, LaGrange. Calling Friday after 2 p.m. at the church, with a 7 p.m. service.

DECATUR — **Wilbur "Web" Cook**, 83, died Wednesday at Adams County Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit, Decatur. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and two hours before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ray E. Barr**, 40, died Wednesday at Goshen Hospital. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with calling 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday and three hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy L. Hunter Colen**, 79, died Thursday at Miller's Senior Living Community in Indianapolis. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Washington Park North Mortuary, Indianapolis, with calling 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **Floyd Dale Colvin**, 82, died Wednesday at Regency Place. Services 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

FORT WAYNE — **John F. Grepke**, 74, died Wednesday at home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Brenton L. Kessler**, infant, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services 2 p.m. today at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard C. Schmieman**, 72, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, with calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, including military services at 7 p.m. and vigil at 8:30 p.m. Calling also 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Alma M. Stolte**, 100, died Wednesday at Towne House Health Center. Services 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling 1-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Lalo Antonio Zamora**, one day old, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, with calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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Ruth Ann Knott

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Ann Knott, 65, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 5:58 p.m. in her home on Dominion Drive in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a prototype supervisor for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1993 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star, both in Waterloo, and American Legion Post 47 of Fort Wayne.

She was born June 10, 1937, in Waterloo to Elmer James Deetz and Hilda Idle Metcalf Deetz.

She married James C. Knott on Nov. 29, 1958, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Larry C. Knott of Indianapolis; two daughters, Tamra A. Olry and Carol M. Hamilton, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Walter Deetz of Sebring, Fla.; one sister, Esther Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hugh and George Deetz, and one sister, Phyllis Huckleberry;

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net

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Gerald Bowerman

ASHLEY — Gerald A. Bowerman, 69, Ashley, died Friday. Aug. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowerman was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked as an assemblyman at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1996.

He belonged to the Angola Moose Lodge and was an avid summer fisherman and gardener. He loved his grandchildren very much.

He was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine (Cline) Bowerman.

He married Rosalie Baumgardner on Feb. 9, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Bowerman of Goshen and Clay Bowerman of Hudson; two daughters, Heidi Bidlack of Angola and Tina Lepper of Bronson, Mich.; a brother, Jay Bowerman of Angola; a half-brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; a stepbrother, Max Gipple of Ashley; two sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, Kelli, Luke, Gina, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, Erica Woodman, Tonya and Trenton Lepper and Colton, Ben, Sara and Hannah Bowerman; and a great-grandson, Alex Woodman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Bill Gipple; a brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman; and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Jack Baumgardner officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Private family graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Suggested memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Giles Heroy

ANGOLA — Giles F. Heroy, 87, of Angola and Sarasota, Fla., died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at 4:45 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Heroy worked for most of his life for a seat spring supplier in the automotive industry. He was a longtime resident of Jackson, Mich., and later of Adrian, Mich.

Mr. Heroy

He retired in 1966 as vice president of Stubnitz-Greene division of Hoover Universal Inc. so that he could devote himself full-time to Angola Wire Products Inc. in Angola, a company he founded with his wife in 1960. He became a resident of Sarasota in 1978, subsequently spending his winters there.

He was a member of the Adrian Elks Club and the Lenawee Country Club in Adrian, Mich.

Mr. Heroy was born Dec. 30. 1914, in Steuben County, to Clifton and Mabel (Norton) Heroy.

His wife, Rose A. (Smolinski), preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Michael G. Heroy of Angola and David F. Heroy of Chicago; seven grandchildren; one niece and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dora Miner, as well as his wife and his parents.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Larry Rubingh officiating.

Calling hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, California Township, Branch County, Mich.

Suggested memorials are to the Giles F. and Rose A. Heroy Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation, 207 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703.

Thelma H. Lawson

ANTWERP, Ohio — Thelma H. Lawson, 80, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 2:35 p.m. at her daughter's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lawson had worked as a laborer at various jobs and was employed for 23 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Antwerp and the El Par Club.

She was born May 30, 1922, in Van Wood, W.Va., to Claude and Hazel (Massey) Harvey.

She married Carl Lawson on July 7, 1942, in Sophia, W.Va. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Colene Martin of Kendallville; two sons, Edd Lawson of Fort Wayne and Bill Lawson of Rheinmein Air Force Base, Frankfurt, Germany; a sister, Macie Thompson of Shady Springs, W.Va.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are set for Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at First Baptist Church of Antwerp, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling hours are Monday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church of Antwerp, Parkview Noble Hospice of LaGrange or Goshen Hospital Cancer Treatment Center.

Samantha Nicole Yates

MACY — Samantha Nicole Yates, 15, of Macy, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 8:22 p.m. as a result of an automobile accident.

Miss Yates was a student at Caston High School, where she was starting her sophomore year. She sang in the Caston choir and liked to help her cousins with modified race cars. She also liked horses and dogs.

She was born March 28, 1987, in Fort Wayne, to Mark A. Yates and Kim Carmichael.

Miss Yates is survived by her father and stepmother, Mark A. and Barbara Yates of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Kim and David Bowyer of Macy; four sisters, Erika and Whitney Yates and Megan Bowyer, all at home, and Christina Bowyer at Ball State University in Muncie; her grandparents, Gene and Carol Maners and Carol Yates, all of Albion; a stepgrandmother, Vera Bowyer of Logansport; and stepgrandparents, Pat and Gary Krebs of Wolcottville.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, with the Rev. David Sommers officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling hours at the funeral home are after 2 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday until the time of the service.

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Ray Allen Kline

FORT WAYNE — Ray Allen Kline, 69, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at 3 a.m. in his home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline was employed as a technical engineer at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge in New Haven and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War.

He had lived in Fort Wayne for 40 years, coming from Kendallville.

He was born April 4, 1933, in Green Township, Noble County, to Paul D. and Dorothy (Bower) Kline.

He married Marcia A. Jacobs on Nov. 17, 1956, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Allen and Susan Kline of Auburn, Steven Kline of Fort Wayne and Douglas Kline of Edinburgh, Scotland; three grandchildren, Brandon, Brice and Brittany Kline; and a brother, Keith Kline of Albion.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Easterday and the Rev. Kevin Boyd officiating.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Delilah Anna Seiler

AUBURN — Delilah Anna Seiler, 87, of Auburn, died Friday evening at her home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Seiler was an avid quilter, gardener and homemaker and a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church in Leo.

She was born Dec. 28, 1914, to Silas and Sarah (Frey) Liechty in Henry County, Ohio.

She married Ralph Seiler on Sept. 14, 1939, in Leo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1997.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Ed and Carol Seiler, Larry and Donna Seiler, Roland and Teresa Seiler and Ralph and Charlene Seiler, all of Auburn, and Ronald and Michelle Seiler of Spencerville; three brothers, Jesse and Reuben Liechty, both of Spencerville, and Richard Liechty of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mildred Graber of Archbold, Ohio, Mary Stuckey of Spencerville and Ruth Shue of Sarasota, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Simon and Omer Liechty, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour before at North Leo Mennonite Church, with Pastor Doug Zehr officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling also will be held Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706, or the Mennonite Women Sewing Circle, P.O. Box 213, Leo-Cedarville IN 46765.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Dolores Batt

HAMILTON — Dolores C. "Jake" Batt, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, in St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Batt lived in Defiance, Ohio, all her life until 1997, when she and her husband moved to Hamilton.

A former secretary, seamstress and homemaker, she was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Defiance, St. John's Christian Mothers, Defiance Hospital Auxiliary and Defiance Moose Lodge, and was a former Girl Scout leader

She graduated in1940 from Jewell High School.

On April 27, 1923, in Defiance, she was born to Henry and Gertrude (Leithauser) Mekus.

She married John H, Batt on Sept. 15, 1945, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Florian Batt of Put-In-Bay, Ohio; three daughters, Nanette Fisk of Defiance, and Lisa Furniss and Anita Batt, both of Hamilton; two brothers, Albert Mekus and Richard Mekus, both of Defiance; two sisters, Rosemary Flaherty of California and Germaine Moser of Defiance; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Howard; two sisters, Leola Hostettler and Pauline Custar; and four brothers, Ambrose, Robert, Justin and Florian Mekus.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. John Catholic Church, Defiance, with Father David Carkenord and Father Michael Schelling officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Calling is today from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance. A rosary service will begin today at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

This obituary is being republished with corrected information about calling times.

Gerald Bowerman

ASHLEY — Gerald A. Bowerman, 69, Ashley, died Friday. Aug. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowerman was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked as an assemblyman at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1996.

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He belonged to the Angola Moose Lodge and was an avid summer fisherman and gardener. He loved his grandchildren very much.

He was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine (Cline) Bowerman.

He married Rosalie Baumgardner on Feb. 9, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Bowerman of Goshen and Clay Bowerman of Hudson; two daughters, Heidi Bidlack of Angola and Tina Lepper of Bronson, Mich.; a brother, Jay Bowerman of Angola; a half-brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; a step-brother, Max Gipple of Ashley; two sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, Kelli, Luke, Gina, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, Erica Woodman, Tonya and Trenton Lepper and Colton, Ben, Sara and Hannah Bowerman; and a great-grandson, Alex Woodman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Bill Gipple; a brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman; and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Jack Baumgardner officiating.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Private family graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Suggested memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Naomi Frazier

FORT WAYNE — Naomi Meyer Frazier, 103, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, in University Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Frazier lived in Fort Wayne and was an admissions counselor for Indiana Technical College for 20 years, retiring in 1963. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Aug. 14, 1899, in Decatur.

Her husband, Harold L. Frazier, preceded her in death in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Harold M. Frazier of Fort Wayne and David L. Frazier of Hudson; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Marilyn Weaver, and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Robert Francis Duddy**, 63, died Thursday at home. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with calling 1-2 p.m.

MACY — **Samantha Nicole Yates**, 15, of Macy, died Friday as a result of an automobile accident. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, with calling after 2 p.m. today and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **V. Stone Carnall**, 2, died Saturday in Whitley County. Services 10:30 a.m Wednesday at Thoma/Rich-Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with calling 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lawrence Joseph Keaney**, 65, died Saturday at home. Services noon Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling 10 a.m.-noon.

FORT WAYNE — **James R. Kummer**, 77, died Saturday at home. Services 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Therese Catholic Church. Calling 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals.

FORT WAYNE — **John G. Reiber**, 86, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Memorial services 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. Calling 2:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert A. Steele**, 67, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ascension Lutheran Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

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FORT WAYNE — **Thomas K. Stier**, 74, died Saturday at the VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Services pending. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Violar Williams**, 93, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services noon Wednesday at Pickett Funeral Serivce, with calling 11 a.m. -noon.

FORT WAYNE — **Gladys L. Listenberger Bickel**, 83, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Levi J. Schrock**, 82, died Monday at his home. Services Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home at 4715W — 300N Shipshewana, with calling after 5 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family home. Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Maxine E. Jordan**, 83, died Monday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. No calling or services. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, in charge of arrangements.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty Jane Golden**, 80, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Robert G. Hartung**, 87, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Center. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at Spring Street Wesleyan Church, with calling from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond Horstman**, 84, died Sunday at Bethlehem Woods Rehab Center. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Thursday at Catholic Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post 82.

FORT WAYNE — **Leo C. Nowicki**, 89, died Saturday at Healthwin Nursing Home, South Bend. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, South Bend, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. today at St. Joseph Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernadine Fortier LaRue**, 83, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **John A. Perry**, 66, died Saturday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Greater Mount Ararat Baptist Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Paul B. Stephenson**, 86, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Riverwalk Village, Noblesville. Services in Noblesville at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Henry Veazey Jr.**, 42, died Thursday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Baptist Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Arrangements by Micheaux Funeral Home.

DECATUR — **Bernice M. Brodbeck**, 97, died Monday at Woodcrest Nursing Facility. Services in Decatur at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mount Victory United Brethren In Christ Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Nellie L. Schaefer Goeglein**, 98, died Sunday at The Cedars. Services in Harlan at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., today at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

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Patricia Bisschop

AIKEN, S.C. — Patricia Jane Bisschop, 74, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, in Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

She moved to Aiken in 1977 from West Springfield, Va. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Aiken, where she was active in the church choir, Presbyterian Women and as an elder. Along with her pastor, the Rev. Dr. William Johnston, she helped organize Area Churches Together Serving Inc. (ACTS), which opened Aug. 4, 1986, and served as its director and manager.

She served on the Quality of Life Committee in Aiken County and was the Aiken coordinator for the monthly distribution of food to senior citizens. When the committee dissolved in December 1994, she organized a program so that ACTS took over the monthly distribution. She helped start the ACTS of Caring Clinic.

In 1987 she was presented the Kalmia Toastmasters Award for Outstanding Achievements and Contributions to Communication Excellence. She was the Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year in 1987.

Mrs. Bisschop was active in the Town and Country Club, which she served as president in 1980-81. She was a board member of Friends of the Aiken County Historical Museum and Aiken Symphony Guild. She was past president of the Aiken Choral Society and served as chairman of all women's activities during the Aiken Sesquicentennial in 1985. She was a member of Houndslake Country Club and Foxchase Garden Club.

She was born Aug. 24, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Sarah (Chapman) and Edward B. Smith.

She married Henry Peter Bisschop on May 15, 1965, and he survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Nora Cramer of Auburn, and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in First Presbyterian Church in Aiken, with the Rev. Dr. David Cozad and the Rev. Martha Ebel officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is in the church parlor after the service.

Memorials are to ACTS, 340 Park Ave., Aiken SC 29801.

Shellhouse Funeral Home, 924 Hayne Ave., Aiken, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Pauline V. "Polly" Thornton**, 96, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Graveside services at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart, on Saturday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Terry Timson officiating. Calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Ashley Marie Noble**, 8, died at home of leukemia. Services will be in Martin, Ky. Calling in Ligonier Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Col. Burl G. Campbell**, 81, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Orville A. Fritcha**, 83, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Kris Fritzke**, 52, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Corrine A. Maurice**, 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. No services or calling. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

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Seeley Tardy

SOUTH PASADENA, Fla. — Seeley Wilson Tardy, 102, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, in South Pasadena.

She was retired as a teacher in DeKalb County public schools and was a graduate of Tri-State College in Angola.

She belonged to First Christian Church in Auburn until 1946. She was a member of Pasadena Community Church in Pasadena, Fla., and a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 193 in Pasadena.

She was born June 16, 1900, in Butler to Charles and Bertha Wilson.

Surviving are one nephew, Gene Wilson of Auburn; two nieces, Nola Girardot of Bryan, Ohio, and Lois Sego of Windomar, Calif.; and two cousins, G'Nell Abel of Auburn and Weldon May of Albion.

Two brothers, Merril and Ross Wilson, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KINGMAN, Ariz. — **Jon F. Clarke**, 62, formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday at the Kingman Hospital. Services in Kendallville Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling Friday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Roger Duncan**, 76, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at the Eel River Baptist Church, with Pastor Mike Allen officiating. Calling at the church after noon on Friday.

SYRACUSE — **Charles E. Beck**, 86, died Tuesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ELKHART — **Eva Belle Meitzler**, 91, died Tuesday at East Lake Nursing and Rehab Center. Private graveside services at a later date. No calling. Walley-Mills-Zimmerman in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Flora H. Lane**, 78, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Christopher James Chapman**, 29, died Sunday in Greenville, S.C. Services at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mattie Lamb**, 85, died Sunday at Canterbury Rehabilitation Center. Services at noon Thursday at Pickett Funeral Service, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Carol Trenary Miller**, 77, died Sunday at Towne House Health Care Center. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, with calling from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel. Graveside services at 4:30 p.m. in Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Frances L. Morris**, 94, died Monday at Woodview Health Care Inc. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel of the Cross. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **James T. Piatt**, 20, was found dead Tuesday. County. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before services.

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Dr. Rodney Springer

COLDWATER, Mich. — Dr. Rodney W. Springer, 62, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after suffering a heart attack Aug. 23.

Dr. Springer was a dentist in Angola from 1964 until he retired in 1992. He attended South Side High School in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of the Indiana School of Dentistry.

He was a member and past president of the Angola Rotary Club and was instrumental in its scholarship golf tournament. He also belonged to the Angola Elks Club. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter.

He was born March 1, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Lillian (Ritcha) Springer. His mother survives in Syracuse, N.Y., and his father preceded him in death.

He married Dr. Elaine Schultz in 1992 and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Rod W. Springer Jr. of Lake James; one daughter, Julie Murphy of Melbourne, Fla.; one sister, Susan Roberts of Syracuse, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Andrew, Ryan and Megan Murphy, all of Melbourne, Fla.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Memorials are to the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Hodge

QUINCY, Mich. — Howard L. Hodge, 59, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Hodge was the assistant chief of the Lakeland Fire Department for eight years. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and was a member of the Knights of Pythias in Fremont.

He was born Feb. 20, 1943, in Garrett to Larry and Helen (Dailey) Hodge. His mother survives in Angola and his father preceded him in death.

He married Candie Cullum on March 25, 1998, in Las Vegas, Nev., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Carey and Carol Hodge of Coldwater, Mich., and Terry Hodge, also of Coldwater; a stepdaughter, Joanna Corbett of Lansing, Mich.; a stepson and his wife, Todd and Angie Corbett of Toledo, Ohio; five grandchildren, Matthew, Nikki, Chris, Catherine and Trevor; and two stepgrandchildren, Dimitri and Mysha Corbett.

Services will be held Saturday at noon (Indiana time) in George White Funeral Home, 111 E. Chicago St., Quincy. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling is today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Bryan A. Pocock**, 29, died Thursday. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ANGOLA — **Lloyd Paul Miller**, 80, died Thursday in his Angola home. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

CHURUBUSCO — **Crystal B. Shively**, 89, died Friday morning at Beverly Rehabilitation and Specialty Care in Fort Wayne. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling is Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Wanda M. Ainslie**, 67, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. No services or calling. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Lloyd Miller

ANGOLA — Lloyd Paul Miller, 80, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at his home.

He was a machinist at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984 after working there 43 years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was born in Fort Wayne Aug. 18, 1922, to Theo (Harker) and Earl Miller. They preceded him in death.

He married Virgina Craighead on June 13, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, James R. Miller Sr. of Angola, Gerald M. Miller of Hobart, John T. Miller of Fort Wayne, Joseph P. Miller of Maple Valley, Wash., and Jeffrey C. Miller of Auburn; three daughters, Carolyn K. Graft of Indianapolis, and Susan A. Shepherd and Paula M. Brauner, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Louis R. Miller of Fort Wayne; one sister, Betty Wiedman of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is at the church Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with prayer services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Bryan Pocock

ANGOLA — Bryan A. Pocock, 29, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, near Angola.

He worked on a farm and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

He was born Jan. 3, 1973, to Dan and Betty (McCaslin) Pocock. They survive.

On Nov. 1, 2000, he married Margaret Sherman, who survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, T.J. Gilbert of Chicago; three stepdaughters, Jessica and Carey Gilbert of Kendallville and Bambie Gilbert of Garrett; three brothers, Kevin, Adam and Philip Pocock, all of Angola; three sisters, Stephanie Armstrong and Stacey Green, both of Angola, and Sheila Redman of Garrett; a grandmother, Annabel Pocock of Angola; four stepgrandchildren; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Keith Pocock.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Stephen Altman will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bryan Pocock Memorial Fund in care of the First National Bank of Fremont.

Mary Henderson

ANGOLA — Mary R. Henderson, 58, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, as the result of an accident on the Indiana Toll Road.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Beatrice Harr

BUTLER — Beatrice M. Harr, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at 11:55 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Harr was retired as a laborer for Universal Tool and Stamping of Butler.

She was born Aug. 19, 1918, in Fostoria, Ohio, to Martin and Laura (Wiseman) Mansfield. Her parents preceded her in death.

Her husband, Charlie Harr, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty Fluke and Connie Parker, both of Butler; three brothers, Cal Mansfield of Newville, George Mansfield of Florida and William Mansfield of St. Joe; one sister, Dorothy Stevenson of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Mansfield; two brothers, Henry and Boyd; and one sister, Ruth Sonner.

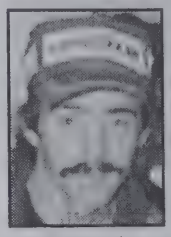
Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is Monday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Timothy Lovely

AVILLA — Timothy Ray Lovely, 46, of Piketon, Ohio, and recently of Avilla, died as a result of a motorcycle accident Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, in the Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

He had lived in Piketon for two months and for most of his life in Avilla. He worked in a factory and was divorced. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.



Lovely

He was born June 10, 1956, in Knott County, Ky., to William and Norma (Shepherd) Lovely. His father preceded him in death May 26, 1988. His mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Meagan Tindall of Winslow; three sons, Ryan Lovely of Florida, Cody Lovely of South Milford and Joshua Tindall of Winslow; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Zaundra and Carter Hicks of Kendallville, Lynda and David Butler of Piketon, and Kaye and Robert Fisher of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wade Justin Lovely of LaGrange and Duane Edward Lovely of Cosperville.

Also surviving are his fiancee, Patty Judd of Piketon; her son, Jacob Elliott of Piketon; and her daughter, Christy Bushatz of Piketon.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Carter and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks of the Gospel Lighthouse Church, Kendallville, will officiate. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or charity of the donor's choice.

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Daniel Barnes

BARABOO, Wis. — Daniel C. Barnes, 49, of Baraboo, Wis., died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, after a battle with cancer.

He was a former resident of Auburn and has in-laws in this area.

Mr. Barnes held degrees in business administration, real estate and psychology. He worked as a foundry supervisor and was once a truck driver. He enjoyed the outdoors, motorcycles, camping, boating, fishing and woodworking.

He was born in Baraboo on Oct. 19, 1952, to Charles and Joan (Tuttle) Barnes. They survive.

He married Earma Jean (Jackson) Barnes. She survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Nathaniel "Poncho" Jackson; three grandchildren, Marquez and Kortez Jackson and Jacori Johnson; nine siblings, Diana Anderson of Baraboo, David and Ginger Barnes of Oregon, Wis., Donald Barnes of Leland, Wis., Douglas and Denise Barnes of Hammond, Ind., Duane and Shari Barnes of Sauk City, Lenny and Deb Zeman of Baraboo, Dennis and Deb Barnes of Steger, Ill., Dale and Pam Barnes of Mount Horeb and Donna and Dan Meise of Baraboo; 36 nieces and nephews; 23 great-nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Byron and Viola (Toppen) Tuttle and Ora "Jack" and Winifred (Burgess) Barnes.

Funeral services will be held at Rago Funeral Home on Tuesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. David Hutchens will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Mary Ellen Bontrager**, 74, died Friday at home. Services 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Jerry Slabach home, Shipshewana. Calling after noon today and all day Sunday at the family home.

TOPEKA — **Diane Jo Fry** was stillborn Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services 3 p.m. today at the family home. Graveside services will follow at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia Jean Good**, 81, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Chapel church, Fort Wayne. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

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Larry Keyser

HUNTINGTON — Larry M. Keyser, 70, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1997, Mr. Keyser worked as a supervisor at Shuttleworth for 18 years. He was a volunteer for Parkview Huntington Hospital and a member of Clear Creek Community Church, where he served as a trustee on the church board.

Surviving are his wife, Jessie Keyser; four sons, Mark Keyser, DeWayne Keyser and Gary Keyser, all of Huntington and Roger Keyser of Ossian; a daughter, Susan Dinkel of Greenville, S.C.; two brothers, Jerry Keyser of Wolcottville and Robert Keyser of Angola; 13 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death is a son, John Keyser.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Myers Funeral Home in Huntington. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Huntington County Home Health Care & Hospice or Clear Creek Community Church.

Marguerite Miller

BRYAN, Ohio — Marguerite C. Miller, 93, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at Hillside Country Living.

Mrs. Miller taught in Center and Bridgewater townships in Williams County and in DeKalb County. She also taught in Edgerton Local Schools for 27 years. She was a member of William County Retired Teachers, Wesley United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women Peace Circle.

Surviving are a daughter, Violet Stotz of Edgerton; a stepdaughter, Eileen Degner of Fort Myers, Fla.; two sisters, Rose Beevers of Bryan and Arietta Bell of Edgerton; a brother, Kenneth Fiig of Edgerton; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Vernon R. Hall and L. Ralph Miller; a stepdaughter, Elsie M. Seigel; and three brothers.

Services were Saturday. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to Bryan Public Library or Edgerton Area Foundation Education Fund.

Joseph Colone

FORT WAYNE — Joseph R. Colone, 57, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Colone was a retired deputy sheriff with the Allen County Sheriff's Association, where he had 18 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard and was a member of Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Allen County Sheriff's Association.

He was born Nov. 8, 1944, in Fort Wayne. He married his wife, Lois, on May 27, 1970, in Decatur. She preceded him in death in 1997.

Also preceding him in death is a granddaughter, Jordan Stout, who died in January 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Rhonda Stout and Carrie Colone, both of Fort Wayne; a grandson; and a sister, Deborah Getz of Fremont.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery with graveside honors by the Allen County Sheriff's Department.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church or the Connor Stout Education Fund.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct information on calling.

Lloyd Miller

ANGOLA — Lloyd Paul Miller, 80, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1984, Mr. Miller was a machinist at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 43 years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 18, 1922, to Earl and Theo (Harker) Miller in Fort Wayne. He married Virginia Craighead on June 13, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, James R. Miller Sr. of Angola, Gerald M. Miller of Hobart, John T. Miller of Fort Wayne, Joseph P. Miller of Maple Valley, Wash., and Jeffrey C. Miller of Auburn; three daughters, Carolyn K. Graft of Indianapolis and Susan A. Shepherd and Paula M. Brauner, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Louis R. Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty Wiedman of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Father Fred Pache will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with prayer services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Mary Henderson

ANGOLA — Mary R. Henderson, 58, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at Eastgate on the Indiana Toll Road.

Mrs. Henderson was a toll booth operator on the Indiana Toll Road. She was a licensed cosmetologist and loved to crochet, sew and do kind things for others.

Henderson

She was born June 15, 1944, to John C. and Mildred (Slater) Klotz Sr. in Fort Wayne. Her mother survives. She married Kenneth R. Henderson on May 12, 1990. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah Kaiser of Ocean Springs, Miss.; a step-daughter, Kristy Lynn Henderson of Angola; a step-son, Robert Kevin Henderson of Angola; a brother, John C. Klotz Jr. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Fran Addington of Fremont and June Ronding of Houston; a granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren.

There are no services. Calling is 10 a.m. to noon Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Multiple Sclerosis Society or Breast Cancer Society.

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Golden Hile

ASHLEY — Golden M. Hile, 69, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1995, Mrs. Hile worked at Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler, where she was data processor management, for 37 years. She attended Ashley United Methodist Church and was a member of the Never Idle Home Extension Club, the Office Bowling Team and the S.T.A.T.H.S group for 20 years.

She was born Dec. 23, 1932, to Charles and Bertha (Purcell) Wheeler in Banks County, Ga. She married Rex E. Hile on June 4, 1949. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2001.

Also preceding her in death are a sister and four brothers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Trionne and James Hile-Dickerson of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Jayne Hile of Edgerton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Rachel Garman, Sarah Garman, Richard Garman III, Lindsey Hile and Michael Hile; two stepgrandchildren, Christina Dickerson and Jamie Dickerson; a foster grandson, Matthew; four sisters, Gwynola Smitherman of Athens, Ga., Jetteree "Jackie" Hull of Spencerville, Vera Wheeler of Commerce, Ga., and Hazel Clark of Culpepper, Ga.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Elmer Parsons

FORT WAYNE — Elmer Parsons, 68, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1982, Mr. Parsons worked for American Hoist and Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in maintenance. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Church of Christ in LaGrange.

He was a native of Blue Moon, Ky., and enjoyed rose gardening, fishing and car and truck restoration.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara K. Parsons; a daughter, Rose Parsons of LaGrange; two stepdaughters, Michelle Meyer of Fort Wayne and Monica Boyd of Greenwood; two sons, Steven Parsons and Terry L. Brown, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Mark Mettert of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mabel Lay of Fort Wayne and Linda Stewart of Honecker, Ky.; a brother, Able Parsons of Eastern Kentucky; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda S. Parsons; a stepson, Jerry Brown; a sister and a brother.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, in Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Edward Baker

WATERLOO — Edward E. Baker, 78, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, at 10:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Baker retired in 1984 after 32 years of service to Norfolk & Western Railroad.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning a Purple Heart award. He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waterloo.

He was born Jan. 5, 1924, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Frank E. and Mary E. (Dilley) Baker.

Her married Roma L. Baird on June 12, 1948, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Rick Baker of Danville, Calif., Ron Baker of Fort Wayne and Tony Baker of Waterloo; four daughters, Cheryl Rudolph of Waterloo, Carla Smith of Garrett, Cathy Peterson of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Tonya Kelham of Garrett; a brother, Harold Baker of Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Naomi Draggoo of Hillsdale, Mich.; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Clayton Baker, and two sisters, Helen Warstler and Lucille Yates.

Services will be held Thurday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham Trust Fund in care of Garrett State Bank.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Robert Teeters

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Teeters, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Teeters worked as a production engineer for Cooper Engineered Products for 18 years, retiring in 1991.

A native of Lima, Ohio, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Jack Brinker Post 409. He enjoyed woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Miller Teeters of Fort Wayne; a son, Brad L. Teeters of Sturgis, Mich.; two stepsons, Brian K. Miller of Vacuville, Calif., and Jeffrey A. Miller of San Francisco; a stepdaughter, Sharon K. Finley of Oakland, Calif.

His first wife, Lori Teeters, preceded him in death in 1990.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. American Legion Post 409 will conduct military rites.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Jon Evans

WARSAW — Jon S. Evans, 44, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, at 5:45 a.m. at his residence in Warsaw.

Mr. Evans graduated from DeKalb High School in 1976 and attended Indiana University in South Bend. He had lived in Warsaw since 1976.

A lieutenant in the Warsaw Fire Department, he was hired at the department March 1, 1981, as a firefighter and driver. He earned Indiana State Certification as a Master Firefighter in Strategy and Tactics, and in Incident Command and Fire Investigation. He also was certified in Management Leadership by the National Fire Academy. He attended numerous fire schools through the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw, the Kosciusko County Fireman's Association, Warsaw Eagles and Sons of the Legion-North Webster American Legion.

He was born Dec. 17, 1957, in Garrett to John W. and Martha (Jordan) Evans. They preceded him in death.

He married Patricia Jones on June 27, 1998, in Warsaw, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kayla Marie Evans and Alexandria Kay Moody, both of Warsaw; a son, Reid Willis Evans of Warsaw; two sisters, Penny Wolf of Garrett and Patsy Torres of Reno, Nev.; four brothers, Rod Evans of Cleveland; Reggie Evans of Garrett, Paul Evans of Sacramento, Calif. and Art Evans of Garrett; and a stepfather, Harold Miller of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw, with Pastor Ron Roetman officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw.

Becky Clewell

ALBION — Becky Sue (Roscoe) Clewell, 66, died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, at home.

She lived most of her life in the community. She lived in Tallahassee, Fla., from 1962 to 1969. She was a second-grade teacher for Albion Elementary School from 1973 to 1976. She was a caseworker for the Division of Family and Children from 1985 to 1996.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. She was valedictorian of her Albion High School class of 1954. She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Indiana University in 1960 and a master of science degree from Saint Francis College in 1975. She enjoyed playing piano. She gave private lessons and played frequently at her church.

She was born May 13, 1936, in York Township to Nelson Hyre and Margaret "Sally" Alice (Huntsman) Roscoe.

Surviving are her daughter, Carrie Clewell of Albion; and son Ted Clewell of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; three grandchildren, Sophia Clewell of Tampa, Fla., Sarah Robinson-Clewell of Lehigh Acres and Alexander Clewell of Lehigh Acres; one sister, Roselyn Johnson of Albion; two nieces, Kelly Miller of Garrett and Amy Parker of Fort Wayne; one great-nephew, Kyle Miller of Garrett; and two great-nieces, Katrina Miller of Garrett and Brooke Wendell of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Sep. 3, 2002 (Con.)

Area Deaths

STURGIS, Mich. — **Robert Goodwin Pfeiffer**, 91, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday at Sturgis Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sturgis. Calling 2 -4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald Arthur Gutmann**, 52, died Saturday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Junelle Mance Collins**, 68, died Saturday at home. Memorial services at 5 p.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Christopher France**, 8, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Arrangements pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert J. "Bob" Freimuth Jr.**, 63, died Monday at home. Memorial services at 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Christine J. "Cricket" Gwinn**, 54, died Saturday at home. Services at 10 a.m. today at Harvest Pentecostal Church of God, Moeller Road. Arrangements by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Glen E. Hart**, 75, died Sunday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Lewis "Vern" Heck**, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died in McAllen, Texas. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Agnes G. Martin**, 90, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy E. Myers**, 84, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity English Lutheran Church.

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Wednesday, September 4, 2002

William Steigmeyer

GARRETT — William E. Steigmeyer, 74, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at 1 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Steigmeyer retired in 1989 after 39 years as a freight conductor for CSX. A lifetime resident of Garrett, he was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles.

Mr. Steigmeyer

He was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Garrett to Roman and Laura (Blotkamp) Steigmeyer. They preceded him in death.

He married Sharon L. Simon on Sept. 29, 1951, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brent Steigmeyer of Auburn and Glenn Steigmeyer of South Ogden, Utah; and four sisters, Mary Wilcoxson of Avilla, Virginia Manon of Auburn, Patricia Frymier of Auburn, and Sharon Simon of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ralph, Jerome, Jim, Edward and Adrian Steigmeyer; and a daughter, Clara M. Steigmeyer.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Elsie Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Elsie Pfefferkorn, 76, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at 2:20 p.m. at her Garrett residence.

Mrs. Pfefferkorn was employed as an assembly worker and lived in Garrett for 50 years. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Mr. Pfefferkorn

She was born May 4, 1926, in New Haven to William and Marie (Kruse) Bockelman. They preceded her in death.

She married Norbert L. Pfefferkorn on Aug. 30, 1952, in New Haven. He died Feb. 15, 1988.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Donna Pfefferkorn of Marcellus, Mich., Mark and Linda Pfefferkorn of Big Long Lake, Mich., and Kevin and Terri Pfefferkorn of Auburn; a brother, Henry Bockelman of Loogootee; a sister, Helen Bockelman of New Haven; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Bockelman.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Frederic Morrison

BUTLER — Frederic L. Morrison, 56, of Butler, died today, Sept. 4, 2002, at 1:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Wednesday, Sep. 4, 2002 (Lon)

Francis Januseski

GARRETT — Francis "Frank" E. Januseski, 87, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at 11 p.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Januseski retired in 1975 after 40 years of service as a brakeman on the B&O Railroad. He was a lifetime resident of Garrett, a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 1, 1915, in Garrett to Walter and Cecilla (Malolepsza) Januszewski. They preceded him in death.

He married Marjorie J. Ballentine on June 21, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Anthony Januseski of Garrett; two daughters, Margo Lewis of Angola and Nedra Bonham of Columbus, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett. Following cremation, burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkinson's Disease charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Herbert Lee Geiger**, 58, died Sunday at Diamond Lake, Wawaka. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. Calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour prior to services at church.

FORT WAYNE — **Bruce E. Caley**, 88, died Sunday at the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Lester E. Bird**, 47, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Karen S. Blair**, 52, died Sunday at home. Services at 5 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling from 3-5 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Joyce M. Morgan**, 56, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.. Thursday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia G. O'Shaughnessy**, 94, died Sunday at Renaissance Village. Private services. Calling 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Sue Ann Schmidt**, 62, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

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Elsie Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Elsie Pfefferkorn, 76, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at 2:20 p.m. at her Garrett residence.

Mrs. Pfefferkorn was employed as an assembly worker and lived in Garrett for 50 years. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born May 4, 1926, in New Haven to William and Marie (Kruse) Bockelman. They preceded her in death.

She married Norbert L. Pfefferkorn on Aug. 30, 1952, in New Haven. He died Feb. 15, 1988.

Mrs. Pfefferkorn

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Donna Pfefferkorn of Marcellus, Mich., Mark and Linda Pfefferkorn of Big Long Lake, Mich., and Kevin and Terri Pfefferkorn of Auburn; a brother, Henry Bockelman of Loogootee; a sister, Helen Bockelman of New Haven; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Bockelman.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling took place Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, and today from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

This obituary is being republished due to a change in the times for the funeral and calling.

Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — **James E. Floring**, 37, died in Middlebury Tuesday. Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Middlebury Church of the Brethren, with the Revs. Dan Petry and Russell Jensen officiating. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Ashley and Kyle Floring Trust Fund in care of the First State Bank of Middlebury.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald R. Snider**, 89, died Tuesday at University Park Nursing Center. Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services. Memorials may be directed to Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church.

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Rose Magginnis

AUBURN — Rose Magginnis, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Magginnis was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 25, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Orton and Mary (Arend) Wonderly. They preceded her in death.

She married Wilmer Magginnis on July 12, 1969, in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dennis Bauer of Valley Falls, Kan., David Bauer of Fort Myers, Fla., and Jeff Magginnis of Westfield; three stepsons, Joe Magginnis of Seymour, Ira E. Magginnis of Jimmerson Lake, and Jerry N. Magginnis of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter, Donna Riegsecker of Archbold, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Pamela R. Shook of Columbia City and Carolyn S. Bigger of Edgerton, Ohio; two brothers, James Wonderly of Hicksville, Ohio, and Robert Wonderly of North Carolina; three sisters, Lucille Bonham of Tiffin, Ohio, Theresa Devereux of Belfair, Wash., and Genevieve Kolh of Ney, Ohio; and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. William Kaster and the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Skyview Baptist Ranch of Millersburg, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frederic Morrison

BUTLER — Frederic L. Morrison, 56, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at 1:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Morrison worked as a molder for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 33 years. He retired this year.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church and the Angola post of theAmerican Legion.

He was born May 31, 1946, in Avilla to Howard A. and Elizabeth V. Morrison. They preceded him in death.

He married Patricia A. Harter in Auburn on Sept. 2, 1995. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Frederic Eugene Morrison of Angola; two daughters, Tonya Morrison of Fort Wayne and Virginia Morrison of Angola; one stepson, Allen L. Robinson of Butler; two brothers, Sam A. Morrison of Warsaw and Bill Morrison of Ohio; two sisters, Susie Montgomery of Salyersville, Ky. and Shirley Gardner of Angola; five grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with a military graveside service-conducted by the Angola post of the American Legion.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Genevieve Lapp

BUTLER — Genevieve F. Lapp, 67, of Butler, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at 2:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lapp worked as a laborer at Bohn Aluminum for 10 years and was a member of Christ's Church of Butler.

She was born March 9, 1935, in Butler to George and Victoria (Peltier) Hankey. They preceded her in death.

She married John L. Lapp on March 27, 1953, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Nancy Lapp of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Dean Akey of Butler, Vicki and Bob Ramsdell of Columbus, Ohio, and Chris and Larry Snyder of Hudson; a brother, Alvin Hankey of Butler; a sister, Olive Roose of Butler; and six grandchildren, Stephanie Johnson and Jennifer Lapp, both of Hamilton, Sara and Andrea Akey, both of Butler, Danny Snyder of Fort Wayne and Jenna Snyder of Hudson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Clifford, Donald and William; and a sister, Ima Jean Yoder.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christ's Church of Butler.

This obituary is being republished to correct an error.

Francis Januseski

GARRETT — Francis "Frank" E. Januseski, 87, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at 11 p.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Januseski retired in 1975 after 40 years of service as a brakeman on the B&O Railroad.

He was a lifetime resident of Garrett, a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 1, 1915, in Garrett to Walter and Cecilla (Malolepsza) Januszewski. They preceded him in death.

He married Marjorie J. Ballentine on June 21, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Anthony Januseski of Garrett; two daughters, Margo Lewis of Angola and Nedra Bonham of Columbus, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Following cremation, burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkinson's Disease charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Fred Weiland

HOWE — Fred J. Weiland, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at 2:15 a.m. in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Weiland retired from the U.S. Government Soil & Water Conservation Service. He was also a farmer for many years. He was a 1937 graduate of Lima High School, Howe, and attended Purdue University for two years. He was a life member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F. & A.M. in LaGrange, and was a past master of Howe Lodge No. 698 before it combined with LaGrange. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe.

He was born in LaGrange County Nov. 11, 1919, to Henry and Louise (Gilson) Weiland, who were both born in Luxembourg. He married Mary E. Ulmer May 24, 1942, at Lima Presbyterian Church. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Marilyn Weiland and Scott and Karen Weiland, all of Howe; a daughter, Ann Weiland of Sarasota, Fla.; two granddaughters, Ashley Nicole and Katelyn Noell Weiland, both of Howe; two sisters-in-law, Betty Knox of Sturgis and Madeleine Weiland of Goshen; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Harry Weiland, preceded him in death in 1994.

Services are 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Lima Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Diane Cusumano will officiate. Cremation will follow. A private burial will take place later.

Calling is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Masonic services at 3 p.m.

Carolyn Kelsey Laycock

ROANN — Carolyn Sue Kelsey Laycock, 60, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Laycock, who was born in Fort Wayne, was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, James Allen; three sons, Jamie A. of Denver, Jeffrey A. of Peru and Justin A. of Macy; two daughters, Terri Dale of Roann and Ann Voght of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Arden Meeks of Wolcottville and Donald Meeks of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Janice Beery of Lake Gage; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery.

Memorials are to House of Faith Church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Joyce G. Kenworthy**, 86, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

FORT WAYNE — **James R. O'Connor**, 66, died Wednesday at home. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at New Haven United Methodist Church. Calling noon- 4 and 6-8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, and 9-10 at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Bessie A. Strong**, 84, of Elwood, died Wednesday at Community Parkview Care Center. Services in Elwood at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dunnichay Funeral Home, with calling 4 to 8 p.m. today.

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Fred Weiland

HOWE — Fred J. Weiland, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at 2:15 a.m. in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Weiland retired from the U.S. Government Soil & Water Conservation Service. He was also a farmer for many years. He was a 1937 graduate of Lima High School, Howe, and attended Purdue University for two years. He was a life member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F. & A.M. in LaGrange, and was a past master of Howe Lodge No. 698 before it combined with LaGrange. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe.

He was born in LaGrange County Nov. 11, 1919, to Henry and Louise (Gilson) Weiland, who were both born in Luxembourg. He married Mary E. Ulmer May 24, 1942, at Lima Presbyterian Church. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Marilyn Weiland and Scott and Karen Weiland, all of Howe; a daughter, Ann Weiland of Sarasota, Fla.; two granddaughters, Ashley Nicole and Katelyn Noell Weiland, both of Howe; two sisters-in-law, Betty Knox of Sturgis and Madeleine Weiland of Goshen; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Harry Weiland, preceded him in death in 1994.

Services are 4:30 p.m. today at Lima Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Diane Cusumano will officiate. Cremation will follow. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Calling is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with Masonic services at 3 p.m.

Erin Pinedo

AVILLA — Erin S. Pinedo, 44, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at her home in Avilla.

Mrs. Pinedo was a homemaker and worked for Low Bob's cigarette store in Auburn for two years. She was a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 2, 1958, in Kendallville. Her parents, Fred Streets and June Kay Downing, preceded her in death.

She married Gadalupe Pinedo on June 14, 1975. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert P. Pinedo, and a daughter, Celeste Pinedo, both of Avilla; a brother, Fred Streets of Muskegon, Mich.; and a sister, Dawn Taylor of Auburn.

Services will be held today at 6 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center of Auburn. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard will officiate.

Calling is today from 5-6 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

David Grogg

LAOTTO — David Andrew Grogg was stillborn at 3:55 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born to John A. and Donna (Trufant) Grogg of rural LaOtto.

Surviving are his parents; two sisters, Dedre Trufant and Amanda Grogg, at home; one brother, Zachary McKinley, at home; grandparents, Joseph L. Grogg of rural LaOtto, Shelagh Schaffer of Tempe, Ariz., and Richard and Patricia Trufant of Peru; and three great-grandmothers, Ruth Anna Grogg of rural LaOtto, Marilyn Miles of Huntertown and Mary Carroll of White Hall, Ohio.

Private graveside services will be held Monday at Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County. Pastor Don Williams of the First Assembly of God will officiate. An interment will follow.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

Funeral arrangements are by Sheets & Childs of Churubusco.

Condolences can be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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This obituary is being republished to correct the date of the funeral and calling.

Erin Pinedo

AVILLA — Erin S. Pinedo, 44, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at her home in Avilla.

Mrs. Pinedo was a homemaker and worked for Low Bob's cigarette store in Auburn for two years. She was a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 2, 1958, in Kendallville. Her parents, Fred Streets and June Kay Downing, preceded her in death.

She married Gadalupe Pinedo on June 14, 1975. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert P. Pinedo, and a daughter, Celeste Pinedo, both of Avilla; a brother, Fred Streets of Muskegon, Mich.; and a sister, Dawn Taylor of Auburn.

Services will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center of Auburn. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard will officiate.

Calling is Saturday from 5-6 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished to provide further information regarding survivors.

James Fraze

KENDALLVILLE — James M. Fraze, 78, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fraze

Mr. Fraze was a supervisor for Kraft Foods and worked there for 35 years. He retired in 1986. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served from 1943-1946. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and the Elks Lodge 1194, both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and served there as an elder.

He was born to Malcolm and Metha (Mertz) Fraze on June 19, 1924, in Kendallville.

Mr. Fraze married Shirley Miller on Oct. 20, 1946, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Ann Fraze of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cindy VanWinkle of San Marcos, Texas; and four grandchildren, Caitlin and Zachary Fraze of Fort Wayne and Troy VanWinkle and Heidi Karrer of New Braunfels, Texas.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Ellen Fraze.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be emailed to he family at sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Lee Ann Ricketts

GARRETT — Lee Ann Ricketts, 51, Garrett, died on Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Ricketts was born on April 6, 1951, in Paulding, Ohio. to Ralph and Patricia (Doughty) Nicelley. She married Benny L. Ricketts Jr. on May 10, 1975, in Garrett.

Mrs. Ricketts

She was employed as a clerk, and had lived in Garrett for 28 years. She was a hairdresser in Garrett for 28 years, and most recently worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn for the last five years. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, and was an avid collector of Santa Claus items.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Benny L. Ricketts Jr.; her mother, Patricia Nicelley of Paulding; a son, Benny "Chip" Ricketts III of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jini and Arthur Alvarez of Garrett and a daughter and daughter's fiancé, Jill Ricketts and Fred Woelfel of Auburn; three brothers, Roger and Curtis Nicelley, both of Paulding, and Thomas Nicelley of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Cameron and Cray Alvarez and Hunter Ricketts, and four granddaughters, Cara and Kiersten Alvarez and Bailie and McKenna Ricketts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph L. Nicelley.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Calling hours are two hours before the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

James W. Coyer Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James W. Coyer Sr., 67, Fort Wayne, died on Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at home.

Mr. Coyer was born Nov. 22, 1934, in Dock, Ky., to Gene and Emma (Stephens) Coyer. He was married to Sue Ann (Adams) Coyer.

He worked as a warehouse worker for the Kroger Distribution Center for 45 years. He retired on May 30, 1997.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Colony Heights Church of Christ, Boy Scouts of America, and F & AM Lodge No. 731 Southgate.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Ann; a son, James Coyer Jr. of Corona, Calif.; two daughters, Deborah Harvey of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Duffield of Roswell, Ga.; a brother, John Coyer of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Sue Ann Rowe of Butler, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, Billie Jo Tuttle of Garrett, Pat Van Gessel of LaOtto and Sharon Frost of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Denver Maxwell Coyer, and two sisters, Imo Gene Coyer and Mary Fu.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Colony Heights Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, the Rev. Ronald Walters officiating. Calling hours are Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, where military graveside services will be held.

Suggested memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, American Cancer Society or Colony Heights Church of Christ.

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Ervin Link

AUBURN — Ervin C. Link, 61, died today, Sept. 9, 2002, at 12:10 a.m. at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Link

Mr. Link was a machinist and owned and operated his own business, E.L. Repair Shop, in Auburn. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1962.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge of Auburn, Butler Eagles, and the American Legion posts in Auburn and Garrett.

He was born Sept. 7, 1941, in Auburn to Curtis and Vera (Fails) Link. His father survives in Auburn and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Opal Collins on May 31, 1963, in Jonesville, Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ryan Link of Auburn; a sister, Terie Bauman of Golden Lake; and a foreign exchange student from Germany, Thomas Birtel.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Stephen Thompkins

ASHLEY — Stephen J. Thompkins died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at his Ashley home. Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Jason Lowery

FORT WAYNE — Jason E. "Jake" Lowery, 26, died Saturday, September 7, 2002, at 11:24 p.m.

Mr. Lowery lived in Huntington until age 5 and then moved to Whitley County, where he lived until age 23. He was a graduate of Columbia City Junior-Senior High School and attended Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for two years.

A resident of Fort Wayne for the last 2 1/2 years, he owned and operated Graphxtek for the last three years. He was a website developer and worked for Edy's Ice Cream warehouse for 2 1/2 years. He was baptized at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington.

He was born Aug. 16, 1976, in Huntington to Allen and Mary Lou (Shively) Lowery. They survive.

Also surviving are one sister, Jenny Hewitt of Waterloo; one brother, Jeffrey Dyke of Andrews, Ind.; one stepgrandmother, Virginia Shively of Fort Wayne; and a companion, Alicia Banowetz of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, 116 S. Line St., Columbia City.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Josephine Provines

AUBURN — Josephine Provines, 98, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

A homemaker, she was born June 24, 1904, in Springfield, Ohio, to Forrest and Alice (Huffman) Faylor.

Her husband, Frank Provines Jr., survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David A. and Deanna Provines of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Penny Lewis, and Jeffery Provines and his wife, Patty.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Grover Faylor; and two sisters, Alice Sapp and Nelline Clapham.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with the Rev. Ken Yingling officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Verleen Kidd**, 71, died Sunday at her residence. Services pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — **Marguerite Rauch**, 75, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with rosary at 8:30 p.m. Calling also an hour before services at the church.

VAN WERT, Ohio — **Marylou Dunlap**, 70, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday in Van Wert at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time, at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, with calling 4-7 p.m. (Indiana time) Tuesday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Charley R. Beal**, 98, died Friday at Lutheran Home. Arrangements are pending at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Elizabeth Duntley**, 45 of Indianapolis, died Saturday at Regency Place in Fort Wayne. Services in Rensselaer at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with calling from 8 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at Steinke Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald Lee Lampke**, 72, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Therese Catholic Church, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

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Stephen Tompkins

ASHLEY — Stephen J. Tompkins, 49, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at his Ashley home.

Mr. Tompkins worked for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 31 years. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Vietnam War.

He also was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and enjoyed riding four-wheelers, camping and hunting.

He was born Dec. 3, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Clarron and Margaret (O'Connor) Tompkins. Both parents survive.

He married Rebecca S. Miser on Oct. 12, 1974, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kurt Tompkins of Ashley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jaimi and Brad Chorpenning of Ashley and Deidri and Scott Greer of Auburn; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Pat and Sandy Tompkins of Hudson, David and Becky Tompkins of Hudson, George and Cindy Tompkins of Ashley and Joe Tompkins of Prophetstown, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Vincent Tompkins; and a sister, Barbara Jo.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. after calling hours.

Memorials are to the Hope Lodge or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Erin Pinedo

AVILLA — Services for Erin S. Pinedo will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center of Auburn. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard will officiate.

Calling is Saturday from 5-6 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Pinedo, 44, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at her home in Avilla.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors in information provided by the funeral home.

Verleen Kidd

KENDALLVILLE — Verleen Kidd, 71, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was a homemaker and worked for 13 years at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville before retiring in 1982.

She was born in Floyd County, Ky., on Little Mud Creek on Jan. 24, 1931, to Marion and Zelma (Williams) Akers.

She married Banner Floyd Kidd Sr. on Nov. 15, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky., and he preceded her in death Aug. 13, 2002.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Banner Jr. and Karen Kidd of South Milford, Rocky and Maria Kidd of Chicago, and Joe Kidd of Chicago; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Darron Burkett of Kendallville, Karen and Steven Brown of Orland, and Jane and James Beardsley of Hudson; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Aileen Kidd of Honaker, Ky., and Nova and Fed Clark of Honaker; a brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Linda Akers of Honaker; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a child, Brenda Kidd, in 1953.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Church of the True God in South Milford, with the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will take place at the Springfield Township Cemetery in Mongo.

Calling is at Hite Funeral Home Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Zoa Killian

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Zoa Killian, 90, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at 1 a.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville, Ohio, where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Mrs. Killian was a homemaker and had been employed by the Gambles Store and Bargain Box in Hicksville.

She graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne with an executive secretarial degree after graduating from Hicksville High School in 1929.

She belonged to the First Church of Christ in Hicksville.

She was born Sept. 30, 1911, in DeKalb County to Burt and Essie (Carey) Kelley.

She married Clyde S. Killian on Dec. 29, 1934. He died in June 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Dave Metz of Hicksville; two grandchildren and their spouses, Lisa and Mark Savage of Hicksville, and Lori and Barry Bolen of LaGrange; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Duane; and two brothers, Wayne and Russell.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. and Wednesday after 11 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Lily Corbin

GARRETT — Lily Rose Corbin, an infant, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born that day to Jason K.L. Freeman and Jessica D. Corbin. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are four grandparents, Julie Corbin of Garrett, Donald Corbin of Albion, and Terry and Vonda Freeman of Garrett; and five great-grandparents, Bernard and Joan Pence, Peggy McGlothlin, Bertha Payton and Robert Freeman, all of Garrett.

Graveside services will be held today at 3 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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Linda Pataky

KENDALLVILLE — Linda A. Pataky, 60, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She lived in Kendallville and was a former resident of Garrett.

Mrs. Pataky was an Avon representative and a former family support specialist with Children First Center for 1 1/2 years. She was chosen as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" for 1970-71.

Mrs. Pataky

She enjoyed reading and loved her children and grandchildren.

She was born June 29, 1942, in Garrett to Arthur and Ann Warner. They survive in South Carolina.

Her husband, Ronald J. Pataky, survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Stephanie Collins of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Cindy Holzwart of Elkton, Mich.; a brother, Arthur "Bud" Warner of Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, Melissa Scoggins of Amelia, Va., and Patti Warner of Harrisonburg, Va.; two stepsons and their wives, William and Kathleen Pataky of Kalispell, Mont. and Joe and Julie Seburg of Schoolcraft, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society of DeKalb County, the Heart Association, or a charity of the donor's choice.

James W. Coyer Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James W. Coyer Sr., 67, Fort Wayne, died on Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at home.

Mr. Coyer was born Oct. 22, 1934, in Dock, Ky., to Gene and Emma (Stephens) Coyer. He was married to Sue Ann (Adams) Coyer.

He worked as a warehouse worker for the Kroger Distribution Center for 45 years. He retired on May 30, 1997.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Colony Heights Church of Christ, Boy Scouts of America, and F&AM Lodge No. 731 Southgate.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Ann; a son, James Coyer Jr. of Corona, Calif.; two daughters, Deborah Harvey of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Duffield of Roswell, Ga.; a brother, John Coyer of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Sue Ann Rowe of Butler, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, Billie Jo Tuttle of Garrett, Pat Van Gessel of LaOtto and Sharon Frost of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Denver Maxwell Coyer, and two sisters, Imo Gene Coyer and Mary Fugate.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Colony Heights Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ronald Walters officiating.

Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, where military graveside services were held.

Suggested memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, American Cancer Society or Colony Heights Church of Christ.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Helen G. Herrick**, 85, died Monday in the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — **Dr. Donald Dolezal**, 47, formerly of the LaPorte area, died Sunday, Sept. 1, in North Carolina. Services were in Charlotte last Wednesday. There will be a memorial service Saturday at 3 p.m. at Haverstock Funeral Home in Michigan City.

LAGRANGE — **Elva Smith**, 93, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling there Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **Andrew M. Blasko**, 92, formerly of Rome City, died Saturday at LifeCare Center of LaGrange. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **Y. Bonnie Knox**, 77, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Elvin N. Chapman Sr.**, 86, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at East Chestnut Church of Christ, with calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home and Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Lela R. Ferguson**, 89, died Sunday at Applewood Health & Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret V. Graff**, 94, died Sunday at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. Services in Kokomo Wednesday at 1 p.m. at First Congregational Christian Church, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary Colonial Chapel and at the church one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ralph C. Hayden**, 61, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Turner Chapel, with calling one hour before services. Arrangements by Micheaux Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Ray Earl Keller**, 58, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Florida. Funeral arrangements by Sarasota Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Gene D. Menzie**, 82, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Francine D. Schubert**, 56, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 90 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Eddice Sullivan**, 84, formerly of the Fort Wayne area, died Sunday at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. Services in Minnesota Wednesday at House of Hope Presbyterian Church. Graveside services will be held in Fort Wayne Friday at 11 a.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery. Local arrangements by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

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James Ball

FORT WAYNE — James A. "Jim" Ball, 79, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at 3 p.m. at his home following an illness of five years.

Mr. Ball retired in 1982 from International Harvester Co. in Fort Wayne after 30 years as a truck repairman. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the American Legion Post 420.

He was born May 15, 1923, in Monroeville to Charles K. and Etta Bell (Murfield) Ball. They preceded him in death.

He married his wife, Marilyn M., on June 10, 1950, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and James L. Bay of Ashley; two sisters, Rosetta Skinner of Manassas, Va., and Beatrice Daniels of Monroeville; two brothers, Lloyd C. Ball of Woodburn and Eugene A. Ball of Columbia City; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles K. Ball, Ray Ball and Corless B. Ball; and one sister, Edith Littlejohn.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 420.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

Area Deaths

ALTONA — **Dale Swonger**, 54, of Altona, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at 4:45 p.m. at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

MIDDLEBURY — **Lloyd "Bud" Miller**, 66, died Tuesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bethesda Fellowship, Middlebury, with calling at the church Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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FORT WAYNE — **Monroe William Elson Brosius**, 89, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Aug. 31 at Brian Center Nursing Home, St. Simons Island, Ga. Memorial graveside services at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 at Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Daniel Max Daniel**, 75, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Elmbrook Hospital, Brookfield, Wis. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, with calling 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Lois I. Heinzman**, 68, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Elizabethtown, Ky., with calling Friday from 4 -9 p.m. at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. to noon at Liberty Hills Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Owen E. Jenkins**, 80, died Monday at Canterbury Rehabilitation Center. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Gloria D. Morris**, 51, died Thursday in Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at noon at Greater Progressive Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Isaac Richard Riley**, 71, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Come As You Are Community Church, with calling 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Larry L. Stilt**, 64, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Trout**, 74, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday. No services. Calling today in Plant City, Fla. from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Wells Memorial Chapel.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Grace M. T'Kindt**, 86, of South Bend, died Monday at The Cedars Retirement Home at Leo-Cedarville. Services Friday in South Bend at Our Lady of Hungary Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zahoran Funeral Home.

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Bernice Derrow

AUBURN — Bernice Derrow, 90, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Derrow was a homemaker in Auburn.

She was born April 9, 1912, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Maude (McCullough) Keller.

She married Glen Derrow on Aug. 25, 1955. He died Dec. 4, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Householder of Hartville, Mo., and Jim Derrow of Auburn; a sister, Edith Petty of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Susan Narin; three sisters, Joy, Lola and Bess; and five brothers, Mack, Don, Ray, Joe and Harley "Bert."

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dale Swonger

GARRETT — Dale E. Swonger, 54, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at 4:45 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Swonger was employed by CSX Railroad as a railroad line foreman for 29 years and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He had resided in Garrett for 54 years.

He was born April 6, 1948, in Auburn, to Paul E. and Kathryn (Randol) Swonger. They preceded him in death.

He married Wanda L. Hatton on May 5, 1973, in Kendallville. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale Swonger Jr. and Vicky Swonger of Garrett, and Marc Swonger of Garrett; a daughters and companion, Laura Swonger and Alan Goble of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Andy White of Helmer; a brother, David Swonger of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Chellsie Swonger and Dale Swonger III of Garrett and Austin and Joshua White of Helmer.

Mr. Swonger was preceded in death by a sister, Diana K. Custer, and a grandson, Shilar Goble.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Forrest VanGundy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

George Harris

FORT WAYNE — George E. Harris, 76, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harris was retired from Smith Transfer. He was a member of the Auburn Jaycees, American Legion Post 423, Indiana Guard Reserve and Disabled American Veterans.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was involved with the Pleasant Lake Lions Club's yearly minstrel show.

He was born in St. Joe to Oscar and Maude Harris. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Donna Harris, survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jennifer Harris of St. Joe; two stepdaughters, Patricia Strater of Fort Wayne and Cathy Brunson of Cicero, Ind.; three sisters, Joan Patterson and Pat Woodring, both of Fremont, and Barb Stewart of Mount Airy, Ga.; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen Jubinville; and a brother, Jim Harris.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 426 in Orland. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Margaret Wheeler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Margaret Grace Wheeler, 100, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at 6 p.m. at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a resident for two years.

Mrs. Wheeler, a lifelong resident of Hicksville, retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne in 1967.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, the Altar and Rosary Society for 50 years and the Social Club.

She was born Aug. 24, 1902, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Lawrence and Mary (Crago) Kempf.

She married Blain Paul Wheeler in 1922.

Surviving are a twin daughter, Lois Maugel of Bryan, Ohio; four grandchildren, Robert of Leo, David of Albion, Christina Buehrer of Montpelier, Ohio, and Diane Fenner of Edgerton, Ohio; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a twin son, Kenneth, four sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

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Graple Gibson

SEYMOUR — Graple I. Gibson, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at her home. She had been ill since May.

Mrs. Gibson lived in DeKalb County for over 45 years and retired from the DeKalb County Welfare Department in 1980. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Seymour. She moved to the Seymour area in 1986.

She was born Dec. 19, 1918, in Scotts Hill, Tenn., to James L. and Stella (Thornton) Bartholomew.

She married Glenn E. Gibson on June 28, 1941, in Nashville, Tenn. He died Nov. 30, 1991.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Robynn Gibson of Madison, Glaze L. and Mary Beth Gibson of Seymour, and Steve L. and Tana Gibson of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mona L. and David Beatty of Columbus, and Glenda I. and Don Palmer of Virginia; 11 grandchildren, Matt, John, Andrew, Adrianne, Amy, Meagan and Shelby Gibson, Kurt Beatty, Donald, Nicole and Bradley Palmer; and one stepgrandchild, Bennett Nafe; and one half-sister.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, two half-sisters, four half-brothers and one foster sister.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, Seymour, with the Rev. Mark Wooten officiating. Burial will take place in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Voss Chapel Funeral Home and after noon Friday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Church of the Nazarene Faith Promise Fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mary I. Geist**, 74, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. No services or calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

GOSHEN — **Milo S. Miller**, 88, died Tuesday at Greencroft Nursing Center. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

MIDDLEBURY — **LeRoy Miller**, 88, died Wednesday at his home. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury, with calling there Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Joy Hoile**, 70, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **John L. Atkison**, 87, formerly of Avilla, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Adam W. Bowles**, 29, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity English Lutheran Church, with calling Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Barbara E. Forman**, 68, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred C. Perl**, 76, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Sallie Mae Phillips**, 84, died Friday at home. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at True Love Missionary Baptist Church, with calling Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles C. Scott Jr.**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Memorial services Monday at Forest Park United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services. Memorial services in Virginia at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Elsie S. Scott**, 94, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Memorial services Friday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church McMillen Chapel. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Eileen M. Smith**, 76, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Graveside services Saturday at 11 a.m. at IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Eddie Stallings**, 77, died Sept. 4, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

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Mary Owsley

BUTLER — Mary Rosetta Owsley, 78, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, at 12:40 a.m., at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

A homemaker in Butler, she was born Sept. 15, 1923, in Catlettsburg, Ky., to Harry B. and Mary (Fornash) Perkins.

She married Elton Owsley in Floyd County, Ky. He died Aug. 17, 1984.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Earl and Patricia Huffman of Fostoria, Ohio, Bobby and Cathy Owsley of Butler, Ben Owsley of Newville, Elden Owsley of Hicksville, Ohio, and Timothy Owsley of Waterloo; five daughters and their spouses, Connie and Joe Bush of Butler, Phyllis and Charles Bush of Grabill, Diane and Adel Ghannam of Kendallville, Rosalee and Michael Gephart of Auburn, and Jane and John Thorne of Butler; two brothers, Harry B. Perkins, Jr. and John Perkins, both of Catlettsburg, Ky.; six sisters, Hazel Curtis, Ruby Sezy, Ada Dyer, Gertrude Fitzgerald, Donna Newsome and Rissie Perkins, all of Catlettsburg, Ky.; 25 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Howard; a brother, Charles "Bud" Perkins; and three sisters, Dycie Marcum, Betty Lemasters and Georgia May Perkins.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Interment will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Assembly of God food bank.

John E. Pearson

FREMONT — John E. Pearson, 74, Fremont, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pearson was born June 11, 1928, in Fostoria, Ohio, to Harold and Mary (Turner) Pearson. He was retired from Tri-State University.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He married Ruth Ann Shipe in Ashley on Oct. 25, 1969, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 31, 1994.

He married Joanne Chene on Sept. 16, 2001.

He was a member of the Fremont American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne; four sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Mary Pearson of Ashley, Joe Pearson of Fremont, Jim Pearson of Auburn and Scott Pearson of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Fred and Karen Kuhn of Pleasant Lake; a stepdaughter, Melissa Lane of Michigan; a brother, Jerry Pearson of Orem, Utah; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial graveside services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Arrangements were made by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

William Green

WOLCOTTVILLE — William E. Green, 74, died at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where he was admitted Tuesday.

He worked for B&L Transport in Newark, Ohio, for 15 years, E.W. Bohrn in Woodburn for 13 years and Columbia Grain Co. for 13 years.

Mr. Green

He was born Dec. 1, 1927, to Floyd W. and Esther (Holsworth) Green in Huntington. He lived in Columbia City and graduated from Columbia City High School.

He married Dorothy E. Sontchi on June 28, 1969. They lived in Wolcottville until 1994 when they moved to Blackman Lake. His wife survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Julie Green of Corunna; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and John Anderson and Donna and Steve Lippi, all of Van Wert, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, Michael David and Pat Maberson of Kendallville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Sandra and Jim Bowers of Antwerp, Ohio, Pamela Steven of Topeka and Paula and Mike Martz of Wolcottville; 22 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a half brother and his wife, Larry and Laurene Hearld of Columbia City.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Greg Swann officiating. Burial will take place in Greenhill Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

This obituary is being republished to list additional survivors.

Bernice Derrow

AUBURN — Bernice Derrow, 90, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Derrow was a homemaker in Auburn.

She was born April 9, 1912, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Maude (McCullough) Keller.

She married Glen Derrow on Aug. 25, 1955. He died Dec. 4, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Householder of Hartville, Mo., and Jim Derrow of Auburn; a sister, Edith Petty of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Susan Narin; three sisters, Joy, Lola and Bess; and five brothers, Mack, Don, Ray, Joe and Harley "Bert."

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Doreen Kranifeld

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — Doreen J. Kranifeld, 79, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at Laughlin Memorial Hospital in Tennessee.

Mrs. Kranifeld was a retired choir director, organist and secretary. Beginning as a teen-ager and continuing over 35 years, she was a director, organist and pianist at churches in Auburn and Fort Wayne, as well as in Morristown and Greeneville, Tenn.

Surviving are her husband, Robert J. Kranifeld; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melody K. and Jerry L. Starr of Greeneville, and Laura K. and Josephus L. Mavretic of Raleigh, N.C.; a grandson, Michael Kranifeld Mavretic of Raleigh; two sisters, Ruth Ravasz and Dorothy Waltz, both of Aiken, S.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Carol McClintock of Barrington, Ill.; a brother-in-law, Richard Kranifeld of South Whitley; four nieces and two nephews; five great-nieces and two great nephews; and two friends and caregivers, Barbara Carrier and Glenna Cutshall, both of Greeneville.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Kiser Funeral Chapel in Greeneville, with interment at GreeneLawn Memory Gardens. The Rev. Raymond C. Perry will officiate.

Calling is Saturday from 9-10 a.m, (Indiana times).

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth L. Beck**, 49, died Wednesday. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Saturday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ionejean Danford**, 78, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday in Peoria, Ariz. Services 10 a.m. Monday at Krauss Chapel at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with calling Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Florence R. Lawrence**, 82, died Wednesday at Heritage Park Nursing Home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Lake Township Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dominic P. Lombardo**, 82, died Wednesday at home. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Hugh Charles McCartney**, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Sebring, Fla. Memorial services in Sebring today at 3 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Leota A. Roemke**, 87, died Wednesday at Kingston at Dupont. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald L. Scribner**, 56, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Derek J. Simmons**, 49, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at home in Rougemont, N.C. Memorial services today at his home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Ropa**, 88, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne. No services or calling.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Maurice E. Beck**, 83, formerly of Archbold, Ohio, died Wednesday at The Cedars, Leo-Cedarville. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) at Lockport Mennonite Church, Stryker, Ohio, with calling today from 2 to 9 p.m. at Short Funeral Home.

NEW HAVEN — **Jean K. Bolyard**, 84, formerly of New Haven, died Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital in Indianapolis. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Nappanee United Methodist Church, with calling today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

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Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — **Loranna M. Lehman**, 57, of Middlebury, died Friday at Oak Leaf Village. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Middlebury Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Dan Petry and the Rev. Russell Jensen officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-noon at the church. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Warren Greene

ANGOLA — Warren Perry Greene, 82, of Angola, died Friday, Aug. 30, at 11:30 p.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Greene

Mr. Greene was a sales manager for Essex Wire & Cable Co., retiring in 1983 with 20 years' service. He had formerly been an electrician with I.B.E.W. Local 305. He had served in the U.S. Navy as chief electrician's mate.

He was a member of I.B.E.W. Local 305, the Angola Moose Lodge 1568, the American Legion Post 499, the Fort Wayne Elks Lodge 157, the Sahib Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Sarasota, Fla., and was a charter member of Auburn Elks Lodge 1978.

Mr. Greene was born June 1, 1920, in Greensburg to Earl R. and Bessie (Liggett) Greene.

His first wife, Maxine I. (Hampshire) Greene, preceded him in death in 1980.

He is survived by his second wife, Lora Jean "Peggy" (Haynie) Greene; three daughters, Linda Maynard of Churubusco, Sandra Johnston of Fort Wayne, and Barbra Greene of Indianapolis; a son, Paul J. Greene of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Patricia Robacker of Sarasota, Fla., and Kathy Robinson of Rotunda, Fla.; a stepson, William Gray of Houston, Mo.; a cousin, Bonnie Konow; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn. The Rev. Paul Burris and the Rev. Tom Watt will officiate. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Manatee Public Library System Talking Books Service, 6081 26th Street W., Bradenton, Fla. 34207.

Mary Cook

ALBION — Mary Isabel Cook, 90, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, at 7:40 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Eta Theta Chapter of Tri Kappa in Albion, Albion Study Club and Asbury United Methodist Church. Ms. Cook was a 1930 graduate of New Harmony High School and a 1934 graduate of Indiana University.

She was born on June 5, 1912, to Fred Edward Cook and Hattie (Tretheway) Cook.

Surviving are three daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy L. and Karl E. Brekke of Fond du Lac, Wis., Rita S. Bowman and Marcus K. Kurek of Boulder, Colo., Cheri A. and Raymond J. Correa of Albion; one brother and sister-in-law, Allen T. and Mary Aline Cook of New Harmony; and four grandchildren, Erik D. and Martha A. Brekke, Mathew K. Kurek and Jessica Correa.

One daughter, Judy K. Bowman, preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 1992. Also preceding her in death was a brother, Howard E. Cook of Evansville.

Services will be held at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. Sean Butler will officiate, with family and friends participating in the service.

A graveside service will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery, New Harmony, on Monday, Sept. 30. The Rev. Alvin McFadden will officiate.

Anonymous donations to the American Cancer Society are the preferred memorials.

Nancy Pinault

FORT WAYNE — Nancy J. Pinault, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002 at home.

The Steuben County native was a dental assistant for 39 years and retired in 1995. She was also a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Edmond A. Pinault; a son, Michael Pinault of Cheney, Wash.; a daughter, Kathleen Mowery of Annapolis, Md.; a brother, Dr. Richard L. Fisher of Indianapolis; three sisters, Susanne Drew of Fort Wayne, Connie L. Fisher of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kathy L. Fahlsing of West Lafayette; and four grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday, at D. O.. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Memorials to Cancer Services of Allen County or St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Herbert Wilson Jr.

GARRETT — Herbert J. Wilson Jr., 56, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at 10:01 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson worked at Kitchen Quip Inc. in Waterloo, and served in the Indiana National Guard, based at Angola. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Nov. 7, 1945, in Bell County, Ky., to Herbert J. Wilson Sr. and Mary E. (Elliott) Wilson. Both parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Wilson of Auburn; two daughters, Connie Miller and Vickie Chaffins, both of Garrett; three brothers, William Wilson of Kendallville, Andy Wilson of Detroit and Jerry Wilson of Auburn; three sisters, Loretta Page of Stroh, Linda Piggott of Wawaka and Carolyn Prucinsky of Ligonier; and four grandchildren, Zachary Chaffins, Danielle Link, Tasha Ousley and Taya Ousley.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 and Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bruce Stone

FORT WAYNE — Bruce Stone, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at Canterbury Nursing Home.

Mr. Stone was the owner and operator of Stone's Electric. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Stone was a member of First Christian Church, Sol D. Baless Lodge 359 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, and Eastern Star 432.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919, in Greenwood, Miss., and resided in Fort Wayne for 60 years.

He married Ruth (Frederick) Stone on Nov. 28, 1942, in Auburn, and she survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Bruce Stone Jr. of Louisville, Miss., and Michael Stone of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Highland Park. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, First Christian Church or Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

Winfred Keep

KENDALLVILLE — Winfred A. "Winn" Keep, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Keep was a longtime resident of Butler before moving to Kendallville in 1986. He was a 1941 graduate of Butler High School. For 32 years he worked at Hendrickson Tandem Corp. in Butler and retired as supervisor in 1985. He was a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. He was past member of the American Welding Society. He enjoyed playing euchre with the Second Time Around Euchre Club at the Kendallville Youth Center and was an avid woodworker and cabinetmaker. He was an honorary member of Old Fort Mustangers in Fort Wayne and a member of Mustang of America Club in Indianapolis. He restored several Mustangs and won several concourse-driven grand national awards with his Mustangs. He was also a member of the Kendallville Housing Authority.

He was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Winn Powers and Lulu B. (Showalter) Keep.

He married Betty Jean Kammerer on Jan. 2, 1981, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Linda Keep of Martinsville and Emerson Keep of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Corinne and Choi Holtzberg of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Gary Kimpel of Kendallville; grandchildren, Brent and Ashley Holtzberg of Fort Wayne, Shawn Hicks of Martinsville, Jason Keep of Martinsville; and two nieces.

One brother, Edwin Keep, preceded him in death.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Robert Dwayne Bell**, 56, died Saturday at his home. Services are Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Robert Wyman officiating. Calling will be two hours before services at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Rosina H. Miller**, 70, died Sunday at her home. Services are Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family's home, with Bishop Harry Wayne Miller and the home ministers officiating. Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family's home.

ANDERSON — **Alex "George" Lovely**, 40, died Saturday at St. Johns Hospital in Anderson. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary M. Gaskill,** 84, died Sunday at St. Anne Home. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Home Chapel, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **William Randolph "Randy" Moore**, 58, died Saturday at his home. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Brookville, with calling from 4 to 7 Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Roosevelt "Rose" Overbay**, 77, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday in Tennessee. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Elmo Tate Jr.**, 78, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service, with calling one hour before servic-

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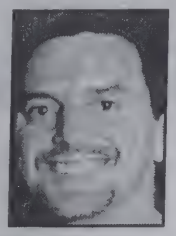
Michael Rupert

HUDSON — Michael D. Rupert, 48, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at 12:42 p.m. at his home in rural Hudson.



Mr. Rupert

Mr. Rupert worked in the maintenance department at Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo. He was an avid horseback rider and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Feb. 23, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Marcella (Fell) Rupert. His mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Billie Jo Middleton on Jan. 4, 1975, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joshua M. and Brent D., both of Hudson; a daughter, Amy N. Rupert of Hudson; seven sisters, Susan Wolf of Riverside, Calif., Sherry Watson, Tina Bolen and Pat Dickman, all of Auburn; Pat Lumpkins of Waterloo, and Kay Rupert and Kim Butler, both of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

His father and two infant brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Hawkins will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Joseph Richter

HUDSON — Funeral arrangements for Joseph K. "Joey" Richter, 19, Hudson, are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Mr. Richter died in an automobiel accident Saturday morning in Ashley.

Jack Angel

GARRETT — Jack E. Angel, 71, of Garrett, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at 10:10 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Before retiring in 1992, Mr. Angel worked with the Fort Wayne City Park Department as a chipper operator.

He was born April 16, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Thomas and Susie (Hammond) Angel. They preceded him in death.

His wife of 52 years, Dorothy A. Angel, died April 18, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronald Baer of Garrett; four sisters, Tillie Stitz of California, and Marian Brown, Mae Barrand and Shirley Creason, all of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Don Baer of Angola, Chick Baer of Fort Wayne, Jerry Baer of Avilla, and Larry Baer of Colorado; a granddaughter and her spouse, Erika and Chris Messer of Garrett; and a grandson, Joshua Baer of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister and five brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at noon at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Father John Pfister officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Genevieve DeWitt

CORUNNA — Genevieve V. "Jenny" DeWitt, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at Chapman House in Warsaw.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 17, 1922, in Decatur to Homer and Cora (Strahm) McKean.

She married Merton "Mutt" DeWitt on April 26, 1952. He died Dec. 19, 1998.

Surviving are a son, John Gushwa of Mankato, Minn.; two stepsons, Larry DeWitt of Milford, and Donald DeWitt of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; a daughter, Karen Tuttle of Clearwater, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Myrna Smith of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marvin Gushwa; a daughter, Sharon Gushwa; four sisters, Sylvia Bonecutter, Helen Neidic, Naomi Barcus and Wilda Hodges; and three brothers, Albert, Wilson and George McKean.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kosciusko County Hospice of Warsaw.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leila West

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Leila West, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at 9:15 a.m., at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. West was a homemaker and a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women in Hicksville. She graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1940.

She was born on April 12, 1922, in Hicksville to Carl and Bessie (Stackhouse) Osmun.

She married Robert T. West on April 5, 1941. He died Feb. 5, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Cramer of West Unity, Ohio, and Sandra Lockhart of Antwerp, Ohio; two sons, Larry of Fort Wayne and Robert Lee of Hicksville; two sisters, Millie Ridenour and Helen Metz, both of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

She also is survived by a sister-in-law, Betty Osmun, and many friends in the Auburn area.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastor Greg Inboden of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling is today from 1-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 7-9 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church or Defiance Area Visiting Nurses.

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Doris Rinehold

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Doris I. Rinehold, 89, died Sunday at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Born in Allen County, she was an instructor at General Electric Co. for 17 years, retiring in 1958, and a member of Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Survivors include her husband, Walter C. of Leo, and a sister, Mildred Robison of Leo.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Stella Black, and two brothers, Dale Stuckey and Harvey Stuckey.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Building Fund.

Dorothy Einsiedel

LIGONIER — Dorothy Einsiedel, 93, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at 8 p.m. at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Einsiedel

For many years she lived in Hamilton, where she worked at the Cold Springs Resort Hotel. She was a dietitian. She moved to Ligonier in 1978 and served as the director of the nutrition site until she retired at age 90. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star 325 and had been past worthy matron, past grand representative and grand page in 1969. She was a member of Good Samaritans and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 13, 1909, in Rockfield to James P. and Lena (Shafer) Johnston.

She married Andrew G. Einsiedel April 14, 1932, in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by granddaughters and their husbands, Garnette "Sue" and Earle Franklin of Ligonier and Roberta "Bobbie" and Greg Hume of Cicero; four great-grandchildren, J.R., Monica, Kristi and Kelli; and three great-great-grandchildren, Ryan, Jocelyn and Kendal.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Garcille Einsiedel.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Waynedale.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with OES services at 7:30 p.m.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mary A. Targgart**, 90, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

CROMWELL — **Lois Anglin Higgins Burkett**, 82, died Monday at her home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Indian Village United Methodist Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

CHURUBUSCO — **William C. "Bill" Maloney**, 37, died Tuesday at his residence in Eel River Township. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with calling Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rosary at 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Peter William Chase**, 59, died Saturday at home. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mabel E. Fisher** died Friday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Morton G. Knott**, 75, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Joan Joyce Sharp**, 73, died Saturday at Lutheran Medical Services. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas W. Somerville**, 74, died Sept. 7 at home. Memorial services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ivan L. Spitznaugle**, 92, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **James Lee "Jake" Whitlock**, 83, died Sunday at Golden Years Nursing Home. Memorial services Thursday at 2 p.m. at Golden Years Nursing Home Chapel, with calling Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m..

HUNTERTOWN — **Sandra Rae "Sandee" Owen**, 38, died Saturday. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Huntertown United Methodist Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Doris I. Rinehold**, 89, died Sunday at The Cedars, Leo-Cedarville. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

NEW HAVEN — **Mary M. "Peg" Avery**, 83, died Sunday at Harborside Healthcare, New Haven. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at New Haven United Methodist Church, with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Rita A. Pranger**, 54, died Monday at home. Services Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

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Joseph Richter

HUDSON — Joseph K. "Joey" Richter, 19, of Hudson, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, in Ashley.

Mr. Richter was employed at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

Mr. Richter

He was born June 9, 1983, the son of Kevin K. and Rhonda A. (Offenbecher) Denton, who survive.

Also surviving are by a stepfather, Gary W. Denton of Hudson; a brother, James P. of Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rachel A. Richter of Oak Grove, Ky., and Renee and Sikander Baloch of Detroit; and two grandmothers, Clara Richter of Fremont, and Eunice Eckert of Newark, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Elder Robin Bork officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery of rural Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Ronald Ruper

AUBURN — Ronald T. Ruper, 61, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis. Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Jack Angel

GARRETT — Jack E. Angel, 71, of Garrett, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at 10:10 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Before retiring in 1992, Mr. Angel worked with the Fort Wayne City Park Department as a chipper operator.

He was born April 16, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Thomas and Susie (Hammond) Angel. They preceded him in death.

His wife of 52 years, Dorothy A. Angel, died April 18, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronald Baer of Garrett; four sisters, Tillie Stitz of California, and Marian Brown, Mae Barrand and Shirley Creason, all of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Don Angel of Angola, Chick Angel of Fort Wayne, Jerry Angel of Avilla, and Larry Angel of Colorado; a granddaughter and her spouse, Erika and Chris Messer of Garrett; and a grandson, Joshua Baer of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister and five brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at noon at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Father John Pfister officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Roger Jones Jr.

CORUNNA — Roger W. Jones Jr., 65, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at 8:20 a.m. at his home in Corunna.

Mr. Jones worked for Food Marketing in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1995, and was a member of Teamsters Local 414. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 26, 1936, in Springfield, Ohio, to Roger W. Jones Sr., and Margaret (Kurtz) Jones. His mother preceded him in death and his father survives in Fort Wayne.

He married Glennice (Jeanette) Jones on May 11, 1956, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Norene and Dan Luley of Fort Wayne; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Kelly Jones of Corunna, Tracy and Michelle Jones of Corunna, Allen Jones of New Haven, Roger Jones III and Pam Jones of Auburn, and Patrick and Lisa Jones of New Haven; a brother, David Jones of Fort Wayne; two half-brothers, Richard and Mark Jones, both of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren, Lisa, Michelle, Heather, David, Bridgit, Roxanne, Christopher, Brittany, Ethan, Nicole, Paige, Madeline, Alex and Gabrielle; three step-grandchildren, Matt, Deb and Becky; and two great-grandchildren, Lydia and Isabelle.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Carol Jones.

Services will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Anthony Jones officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Morse

OXNARD, Calif. — Mary Madge Dirrim Morse, 94, died Saturday, Aug. 14, 2002.

Mrs. Morse

She was born May 31, 1908, near Flint in rural Steuben County, the daughter of Curtis and Maude (Mercer) Delong. Upon graduation from high school, she married Clarence F. Dirrim, a teacher in the DeKalb County school system for 40 years. They resided on the family farm in Troy Township near Hamilton until his death in 1977. She then moved to California to join her only child, Allen.

In 1984 she married George Morse. The couple resided near their respective children, Allen Dirrim and Susan Kelty Dirrim. After Georges death in 1987, she moved with Allen and Susan to Oxnard.

She is survived by three grandchildren, Mark Dirrim and Peter Dirrim, both of Sacramento, Calif., and Lissa Dirrim of San Francisco; and three stepgrandchildren, Steven Kelty of Van Nuys, Calif., William Kelty of Hollywood, Calif.; and Kurt Kelty of Palo Alto, Calif. She also has several nieces and nephews in the Angola and Hamilton areas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, May Hanna and Marie Goings.

Mrs. Morse was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxnard, where a memorial service took place on Aug. 23. A local memorial service is Saturday at the Flint United Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the American Diabetes Association.

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Doris Rinehold

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Doris I. Rinehold, 89, died Sunday at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Born in Allen County, she was an instructor at General Electric Co. for 17 years, retiring in 1958, and a member of Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Rinehold

Survivors include her husband, Walter C. of Leo, and a sister, Mildred Robison of Leo.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Stella Black, and two brothers, Dale Stuckey and Harvey Stuckey.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was be in Leo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Building Fund.

This obituary is being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Loran E. Burton**, 87, died Monday at his stepdaughter's home in Goshen. Services are Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with calling Thursday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

PIERCETON — **Stanley Lee Cart**, 63, died Monday at Regency Place, Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

ROME CITY — **Elizabeth Lois Felton "Betty" Wilson**, 91, died Tuesday in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rome City United Methodist Church, with calling Saturday at the church two hours before services.

WOLF LAKE — **Dale L. Beers**, 86, formerly of Wolf Lake, died Sunday at his home in Billings, Mont. Memorial services in Billings today at Mayflower Congregational Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Becky C. Jones**, 47, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

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Ronald Ruper

AUBURN — Ronald T. Ruper, 61, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Ruper was an information technology director of MIS. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Ruper

He was a member of the Polish Falcons, an American Legion Post in Michigan and the Aboite Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 1, 1941, to Leon and Valeria (Piecztnski) Ruper in Connellsville, Pa. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Connellsville.

His wife, Alice Ruper, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward and Laura Ruper of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Paul Ruper of Lake Jackson, Texas; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Scott Hammon, and Mark and Tonya Hammon, all of Auburn; a brother, Leonard Ruper of Connellsville, Pa.; a sister, Loretta Sanders of Darry Twp., Pa.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Ruper.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Children's Home.

John Pearson

FREMONT — A memorial service for John E. Pearson, 74, will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Circle Cemetery at Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Boots officiating.

Mr. Pearson died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Wilda Gibson

AUBURN — Wilda J. "Bill" Gibson, 63, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gibson was a member of the Women of the Moose and participated in several Auburn bowling leagues.

She was born Aug. 1, 1939, in Fritz, Ky., to Adam Rowe and Lavina (Wisecup) Gibson. They preceded her in death.

She married Homer "Junior" Gibson on Dec. 16, 1957, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Rodney A. Gibson of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonia S. and Bob Carper, Sheila R. and Chuck Woods, and Tammy L. and Jason Grimm, all of Auburn; two brothers, Utah C. Rowe of Auburn and Milton A. Rowe of Willard, Ohio; two sisters, Geneva Neeley of Willard, Ohio, and Anita Wilkening of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren, Heather Alexander, Ashlee Grimm and Adam Woods; and two stepgrandchildren, Kevin Carper and Jeni Carper.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marshall A. Rowe, and a sister, Wanita Rowe.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home on Homestead Road in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Michael Rupert

HUDSON — Michael D. Rupert, 48, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at 12:42 p.m. at his home in rural Hudson.

Mr. Rupert worked in the maintenance department at Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo. He was an avid horseback rider and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born March 23, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Marcella (Fell) Rupert. His mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Billie Jo Middleton on Jan. 4, 1975, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joshua M. and Brent D., both of Hudson; a daughter, Amy N. Rupert of Hudson; seven sisters, Susan Wolf of Riverside, Calif., Sherry Watson, Tina Bolen and Pam Dickman, all of Auburn; Pat Lumpkins of Waterloo, and Kay Rupert and Kim Butler, both of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

His father and two infant brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Hawkins will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Velma Grieser

KENDALLVILLE — Velma E. Grieser, 92, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

She was a homemaker and was an active member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Kendallville for 55 years.

She was born near Woodburn in Allen County on Oct. 30, 1909, to George and Ida (Fergusen) Cook.

She married Raymond Noah Grieser on Nov. 29, 1928. He died July 30, 1970.

Surviving are five daughters and a son-in-law, Doloras Barnes of Topeka, Kan., Della Caldwell of Largo, Fla., Gloria Sutton of Kendallville, Ires Robinson of Three Rivers, Mich., and Lora and Robert Schiffli of Waterloo; one son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Teresa Grieser of Land O'Lakes, Fla.; two sisters, Martha Perry of Columbia City and Elva Cook of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Rayma Hassing, in 1985 and one son, Dareold Grieser, in 1956.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the building fund of the Jehovah Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Area Deaths

Joseph Richter

HUDSON — Joseph K. "Joey" Richter, 19, Hudson, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, in Ashley.

Mr. Richter

Mr. Richter was born June 9, 1983, the son of Kevin K. Richter and Rhonda A. (Offenbecher) Denton, who survive.

Mr. Richter was employed at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

He is also survived by a stepfather, Gary W. Denton, Hudson; a brother, James P., Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rachel A. Richter, Oak Grove, Ky., and Renee and Sikander Baloch, Detroit; and two grandmothers, Clara Richter, Fremont, and Eunice Eckert, Newark, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Elder Robin Bork officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, rural Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION — **Jason Terry Easterday II**, infant, was stillborn Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. A private graveside service will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

MERRIAM — **Juanita R. Collins**, 76, died Wednesday at the home of her son in Noble Township west of Merriam after a brief illness. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Stephan M. Gorrell**, 47, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sept. 9 at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Private services were held at sea.

FORT WAYNE — **Clarence Edward Hanson**, 75, died Wednesday at home. Memorial services are Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Wallen Baptist Church, with calling 90 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Alaine Irene Lotz**, 31, **M. Keith Lotz**, 30, **Colin Keith Lotz**, 1, and **Connor William Lotz**, 4, all of Crawfordsville, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in an explosion at their future home in Bangor, Mich. **Priscilla Anne Reppert**, 56, of Lafayette, formerly of Fort Wayne, mother of Alaine Lotz, also died in the same explosion. Services for the family will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling there Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Services also Monday at 1 p.m. at Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, with calling Sunday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald J. Heuer**, 76, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Catholic Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen M. McFarren**, 81, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 6 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Maizie W. Thomas**, 74, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, with calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Ellis Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **J. Wendeldean Roth**, 78, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Wilda Gibson

AUBURN — Wilda J. "Bill" Gibson, 63, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gibson was a member of the Women of the Moose and participated in several Auburn bowling leagues.

She was born Aug. 1, 1939, in Fritz, Ky., to Adam and Lavina (Wisecup) Rowe. They preceded her in death.

She married Homer "Junior" Gibson on Dec. 16, 1957, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Rodney A. Gibson of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonia S. and Bob Carper, Sheila R. and Chuck Woods, and Tammy L. and Jason Grimm, all of Auburn; two brothers, Utah C. Rowe of Auburn and Milton A. Rowe of Willard, Ohio; two sisters, Geneva Neeley of Willard, Ohio, and Anita Wilkening of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren, Heather Alexander, Ashlee Grimm and Adam Woods; two stepgrandchildren, Kevin Carper and Jeni Carper; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marshall A. Rowe; a sister, Alice Wanita Rowe; and a stepmother, Ethel Woodward.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home on Homestead Road in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Bell

HUDSON — John E. Bell, 89, of rural Hudson, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at 4:36 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Services will be held in Dolton, Ill.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Kreischer

FORT WAYNE — Helen A. Kreischer, 84, died Thursday, September 19, 2002, at 5:25 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Kreischer retired in 1984 from the accounting department at International Harvester Co. after 38 years of service. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

She was born Jan. 4, 1918, in New Haven to William H. and Martha E. (Bruick) Heine. Her parents preceded her in death.

Her husband, Leo H. Kreischer, preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1987.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda K. Beaman of Auburn; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin and Norman Heine.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Bethany Lutheran Church, 2435 Engle Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Chad Trouten and the Rev. Charles Varsogea will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, and Saturday from 2-3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Bethany Lutheran Church or The Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Alaine Lotz

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Alaine Irene Lotz, 31, of Crawfordsville and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Sept. 15, as the result of an explosion at her future home in Bangor, Mich.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 23, 1971, and was the assistant manager of the CVS Drugs store in Crawfordsville. She was a member of the Crawfordsville United Methodist Church and enjoyed antiques and crafts.

She is survived by her father, Brian Reppert of Lafayette; and a brother, Ethan Reppert of Fishers.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today. Additional services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in the Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, where calling will be one hour before services. Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette.

Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery, Lafayette.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Marshall Lotz

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Marshall Keith Lotz, 30, of Crawfordsville and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Sept. 15, as the result of an explosion at his future home in Bangor, Mich.

Mr. Lotz was a farm manager at Signature Farms, a subsidiary of United Feeds Inc. He was a fan of NASCAR racing and the late race driver Dale Earnhardt. He was a member of the Crawfordsville First United Methodist Church and the National Eagle Scout Association.

He was born July 24, 1972, in Frankfort.

He is survived by his father, G. Marshall Lotz Jr., of Auburn; his mother, Lynn M. Lotz of Decatur; two brothers, Darrin Lotz of Decatur and Wade Lotz of Indianapolis; a grandmother, Madelyn Reichhart of Hoagland; and a grandfather, George Lotz Sr., of Fairmont, W.Va.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Additional services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in the Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, where calling will be one hour before services. Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette.

Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery, Lafayette.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

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Connor and Colin Lotz

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Connor William Lotz, 4, and Colin Keith Lotz, 1, of Crawfordsville, died Sunday, Sept. 15, as the result of an explosion at their future home in Bangor, Mich.

Both boys were born in Lafayette. Surviving are their grandparents, G. Marshall Lotz Jr., of Auburn, Lynn M. Lotz of Decatur, and Brian Reppert of Lafayette; great-grandparents Madelyn Reichhart of Hoagland, and George Lotz Sr., of Fairmont, W. Va.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today. Additional services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in the Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, where calling will take place one hour before services. Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette.

Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery, Lafayette.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Gertrude M. "Trudy" Whitford**, 75, died Thursday at her home. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Calling Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Lois Lucille Gordon**, 74, died Thursday at her home in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel. Calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

ALBION — **Juanita R. Collins**, 76, died Wednesday at her son's home in Noble Township. Private graveside services at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. No calling.

PORTLAND — **Dorothy E. Sweigart Austin**, 81, of Kokomo, formerly of Portland and Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Manor Care Nursing Home, Kokomo. Services today at 4 p.m. at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland Chapel, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda Sue Alford**, 44, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with vigil at 3:30 p.m., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Isabel R. Coleman**, 88, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred N. Dehnert**, 81, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Mother Theresa Home in Lemont, Ill. Services today in Lockport, Ill., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Winston Dunlap**, 86, died Tuesday at Markle Healthcare Center. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ida May "Dot" Hall**, 85, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity English Lutheran Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice S. Heinrich**, 82, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Albert Paul Koontz**, 75, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Merritt Island, Fla. Memorial services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul H. "Hop" Parsons**, 71, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice M. Schuller**, 87, died Wednesday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling today from 4 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with vigil at 7:30 p.m., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Theodore K. Stabler**, 74, formerly of Roanoke and Fort Wayne, died Monday at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla. Services Monday in Fort Wayne at 1 p.m. at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling two hours before services.

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Priscilla Reppert

LAFAYETTE — Priscilla Anne Reppert, 56, died Sunday, Sept. 15, as the result of an explosion at her daughter and son-in-law's future home in Bangor, Mich.

Mrs. Reppert had worked as an executive secretary at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, retiring in August with 18 years of service. She had been employed at Purdue University in Lafayette and was co-owner with her husband of Lamb & Heart Antique Store in Lafayette.

She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo-Cedarville and the Community Reformed Church, Lafayette.

She was born July 23, 1946, in Lafayette to Earl and Irene (Clevenger) Martin.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Reppert of Lafayette; a son, Ethan Reppert of Fishers; a sister, Cheryl Veldhuizen of Battle Ground; and four brothers, Robert, Wayne and Andy Martin, all of Lafayette, and Luke Martin of Tallahassee, Fla.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today. Additional services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in the Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, where calling will be one hour before services. Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette.

Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery, Lafayette.

Memorials are to WHPL 89.9 Christian radio.

Maria P. Marlia

ANGOLA — Maria P. Marlia, 80, Angola, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Marlia was born March 28, 1922, in Fosdinovo, Italy, the daughter of Alexandro and Stella C. (Rocchi) Marlia.

Mrs. Marlia was a cake decorator. She worked at Miller's Super Valu.

She is survived by a sister, Cleo Tomaino, Missaqa, Ontario, Canada; a brother, Italo Marlia, Genova, Italy; and a stepson, Jerry Carnahan of Hudson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Howey; three brothers, Leo, Manlio and Pasule; and three sisters, Elba Galleli, Bruna Risso and Italia Ravatti.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements are by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home of Angola.

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Charles 'Chuck' Benz

FREMONT — Charles E. "Chuck" Benz Jr., 65, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Benz was a truck driver for Swift Eckrich for 43 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Angola, and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Fort Wayne.

Survving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles E. Benz III and Cheryl Benz of Angola; a daughter, Christy K. Benz of Glendale, Calif.; his parents, Charles and Celest (Klenke) Benz of Fort Wayne; a sister, Beverly Schweizer of Florida; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. and Monday from noon-1 p.m, at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Kim M. Neeley**, 46, died Thursday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. There are no services. Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — **Jack L. Osborn Sr.**, 65, of Hillsdale, Mich., died Thursday. Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale, Mich., with Roy Miller officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Hillsdale.

ALBION — **Robert Eldon Easterday**, 79, Albion, died Thursday. Memorial services at 7 p.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, Albion. Calling one hour before the memorial service at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Roxie R. Keller**, 92, LaGrange, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip—May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Mary Whonsetler

AVILLA — Mary J. Whonsetler, 90, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at 6:49 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Whonsetler was a lifetime area resident and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Oct. 2, 1912, in LaOtto to Lesta and Harriet Simon. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Merlin Whonsetler on Nov. 25, 1931, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Max C. and Mary Whonsetler of Avilla; a daughter-in-law, Carol Whonsetler of Avilla; five grandchildren, Stanley Whonsetler, Kathy Smith, Vicki Martin, Paula Zolman and Stephanie Wicker; six great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Whonsetler, who died Dec. 14, 1989; a great-grandchild, four brothers and a sister.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating.

Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Gertrude Troyer

SHIPSHEWANA — Gertrude Troyer, 93, of Shipshewana, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at 7:20 p.m. at her health-care provider's home in Goshen.

Mrs. Troyer was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She had lived in the Shipshewana area since 1957.

She was born Oct. 28, 1908, in Haven, Kan., to Harry D. and Susan (Miller) Bontrager.

She married Albert P. Troyer on Jan. 14, 1932, in Haven, Kan. He died Oct. 28, 1996.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Kauffman of Middlebury, Susie Troyer and Lydia Miller, both of Shipshewana, and Ida and David J. Yoder of Shipshewana; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Rita Troyer of Abbyville, Kan., Floyd and Erma Troyer of Wolcottville and Ray and Dorothy Troyer of LaGrange; a sister, Lydia Yoder of Shipshewana; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Fannie Bontrager of Yoder, Kan.; 26 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ammon, Dan, Eli and Bennie Bontrager.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Richard O. Miller residence, 2920 N. 850W, Shipshewana. Bishop LeRoy Miller, the Rev. Myron Miller and the Rev. John Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery of Shipshewana.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. and all day Tuesday at the David J. Yoder residence, 3110 N. 850W, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Max Newnam

ANGOLA — Max C. Newnam, 87, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at his home in Angola.

Mr. Newman was the owner and operator of Newnam Tire Service in Angola for more than 40 years.

He was a member of Angola First Christian Church, and was a pilot. He built and flew his own Zenair plane after he was 80 years old.

He was born June 28, 1915, in Angola to Ben and Bertha (Mountz) Newnam.

He married Mildred "Dixie" (Lewis) Newnam in Angola on March 26, 1937, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Lewis Newnam of Angola; a daughter, Mary Barton of Angola; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Kenneth Newnam, and a sister, Hazel Myers.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Tim Seevers and Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Phyllis Williams

ANGOLA — Phyllis J. Williams, 78, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Williams, a homemaker, was very involved in area craft shows.

She resided in New Port Richey, Fla., during the winter months for the past 36 years.

She was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Rockford, Ohio, to John and Mae (Custer) Hiles. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Buddy Williams in August 1943. He died in December 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Dee Anstett of Pleasant Lake; and several nieces and nephews in Indiana, Ohio and Florida.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. Burial will be in National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Jacquelin Myers

AUBURN — Jacquelin J. Myers, 72, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at 5:05 a.m. at her lake home near Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Myers owned and operated the Auburn Janitorial Service for several years before retiring in 1987.

Mrs. Myers

She was an avid outdoors enthusiast, loving to hunt, fish, camp and hunt mushrooms. She crocheted often.

She was born March 26, 1930, in Buckley, Mich., to Joseph and Crystal (Paul) Stein. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married William R. Myers on July 20, 1963, in Traverse City, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Joe and Pat Hansen of Buckley, Mich.; Carl and Gloria Hansen of Auburn, and Jim Hansen and Ted Hansen, both of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Geisinger of Auburn, Sherry and Mike Ames of Montrose, Mich., and Helen and Larry Smith of Auburn; a stepson, Danny Myers of Deland, Fla.; a brother; four sisters; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, a sister, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with the Rev. Steven Kummernus officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Hullinger

AUBURN — Larry L. Hullinger, 50, of rural Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at 11:11 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hullinger was a self-employed aquatic maintenance repairmain.

He was born Oct. 13, 1951, in Fort Wayne, to Henry H. and Esther (Miller) Hullinger. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Grabill.

His wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Souder, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sasha Hullinger, at home; a sister, Diane Chard of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Rick Hullinger of St. Joe.

A son, Ashton, died in 1991.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan, with Pastor Donovan Coley officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery in Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grabill Missionary Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Eleanor "Ellie" R. Branstetter**, 62, died Sunday at home. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Loella M. Evard**, 90, died Sunday. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Rita E. Fowler**, 67, died Saturday at home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Myra L. Gifford Frecker**, 68, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and rosary service at 8:30 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Laraine Louise Stone Leaman**, 57, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, with calling Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Rachel P. Raines**, 79, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

Jackie Brown

ASHLEY — Jackie Lee Brown, 61, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Brown had retired in February after 36 years with International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Brown

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, the Auburn post of the American Legion and the Butler Eagles.

He was born March 7, 1941, in Auburn to Almond Oren Brown and Jessie Mae (Kester) Brown. Both parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Tonya Bingham of Urbana, Ohio, and Jackie Slone of Angola; three brothers, Jerry Brown and Joe Brown, both of Butler, and Bob Brown of Waterloo; eight sisters, Sally Mae Farmer of Garrett, Betty Lou Sutton of Michigan, Mary Ann McNamara of Ohio, Pat Patrick of Waterloo, Cindy Rowe of Auburn, Kathy Ferrell of Texas, and Joyce Brown and Joan Brown, both of Avilla; and four grandchildren, Tyler Davis, Treaver Bingham, Johnny Slone Jr. and Christine Slone.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin and Dickie Brown, and a sister, Susie Brown.

Services will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frederick Brown

FORT WAYNE — Frederick A. Brown, 73, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown worked as a PTC driver for 37 years before retiring in 1990. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Dec. 3, 1928, in Wilmington Township, near Butler in DeKalb County.

His wife, Dolores (Stickan) Brown, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah Michel of South Whitley; two sons, Mark A. Brown of Huntington and Ted E. Brown of Silverthorne, Colo.; two brothers, Gerald "Jerry" Brown of Fort Wayne and Jim Brown of Auburn; three sisters, Naomi Brown of Auburn, Clara Jane Hons of Wolcottville, and Iona Cook of Nampa, Idaho; three grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a former wife, Annabelle Brown, and two brothers, Philip and Paul Brown.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Jo Ann Eyler

FORT WAYNE — Jo Ann Eyler, 48, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was a nurse for Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana.

She was born July 6, 1954, in South Bend to Robert H. and Joyce (Krueger) Eyler. Both parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Robert H. Eyler Jr., and Kelly Eyler of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Leslie and Gary Hamman of Auburn; two nieces and a nephew, Natalie and Elizabeth Hamman, both of Auburn, and Joseph Eyler of Kansas City, Kan.; and a step-nephew, Jeff Mohler of Churubusco.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, P.O. Box 288, Dwight, IL 60420.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James Hoagland

NEW HAVEN — James Edward Hoagland, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hoagland had been the owner of Hoagy Wrecker Service Inc., since 1958.

He was the member of the Indiana Towing Association, International Towing Hall of Fame, Friends of Towing and American Legion Post 296. He also was an honorary Fort Wayne Fire Department chief and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Air Corps.

He was born April 1, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Clarence E. and Nellie Fox Hoagland.

His wife, Carol A. Hoagland, survives in New Haven.

Also surviving are a son, James A. Hoagland of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Janis Hoagland of Fort Wayne, Judi Hullinger of Auburn and Jennifer Garcia of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert E. Hoagland and John W. Hoagland.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, 740 IN 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Haven/Adams Township Fire Department, Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum and the New Haven Police Department.

Tuesday, Sep. 24, 2002

Arlene Easterday

LEESBURG, Fla. — Arlene L. Easterday, 67, died at her home in Leesburg, Fla., on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002.

She moved to Winter Garden, Fla., in 1974 from Flint, Mich. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Winter Garden for 25 years, and worked as secretary and for children's church for Astatula Baptist Church. She and her husband were active in Christian children's work for over 44 years.

She was born July 24, 1935, in Garrett, to Worthy and Florence (Simonin) Zongker. On July 9, 1955, she married Allen Eugene Easterday in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sheila Howell of Ococee, Fla., Pam Fulton of Greenville, S.C., and Penny Primm of Indiana Trail, N.C.; three sons, Wes Easterday of Winter Gardens, Mike Easterday of Simpsonville, S.C., and Bill Easterday of Hot Springs, Ark.; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with Pastor J. Arnold Fair officiating. Calling will be at the church from 2-6 p.m. Friday. Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Astatula Baptist Church Bus Fund, P.O. Box 141, Astatula, FL 34705. Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Johnson@Kuntrynet.com.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles Gilford "Bus" Bennett**, 82, died Sunday in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling Wednesday f2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

KIMMELL — **Junior Devon Iden**, 78, died Monday at 4 a.m. in Oak Leaf Village Nursing Center of Ligonier. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. Calling Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilbert G. "Wib" Braun**, 88, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and Thursday 9-10 a.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel M. Delaney**, 68, died Sunday at home. Services Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

Mary Zulich

AUBURN — Mary Ann Zulich, 54, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at 3:08 p.m. at her home in Auburn.

She was a machine operator for Messenger Corp. in Auburn for the past 25 years.

A member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, she was very active in all the church organizations and activities and a faithful worker and supporter of the church food bank. She also taught Sunday school for many years.

She was born Oct. 25, 1947, in Auburn to Arthur and Marie (Boger) Zulich. Both parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are many cousins, including Marlene Boger of Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Indian Village Church of God, with the Rev. Randall Calloway officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dorothy Kurtz

HUDSON — Dorothy A. Kurtz, 86, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at 1:25 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Kurtz was a homemaker and had lived in Hudson since 1942.

She was born April 12, 1916, at Scott Center in Steuben County to Carl and Margie (Deller) Sanders.

She married Lawrence Kurtz on Jan. 2, 1937. He died May 25, 1994.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas G. Kurtz of Rotunda West, Fla., Dean L. Kurtz of California and George L. Kurtz of Crystal, Minn.; four daughters, Marlene Heller of Columbia City, Carol Kurtz of Columbia City, Amy Green of Angola and Suzanne Mayberry of Corunna; a sister, Barbara Wilhelm of Pleasant Lake; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Tritch, and two sons, Warren G. and Don.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@Kuntrynet.com.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Mima Louise Siegel**, 87, died Monday at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola. Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Lyle "Curley" Myers**, 84, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — **Francis "Frank" Beatty**, 86, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday at Hernando-Pasco Hospice. Interment with military honors will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Friday at 2:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at Seven Springs Golf & Country Club.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice Jean (Seidel) Doell**, 80, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church. Calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

SYRACUSE — **Hallie "Hal" Burdett Holloway**, 54, formerly of Syracuse, died Saturday in South Dakota, where he lived at Black Hawk. A memorial service will be held in South Dakota at a later date. No calling. Arrangements by Osheim-Catron Funeral Home of Rapid City, S.D.

FORT WAYNE — **Gerald J. Bernhart**, 68, died Monday at Lutheran Homes. Private family services and calling at Bethany Lutheran Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Tracie L. Bruce**, 28, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Frances S. Lepper Damman**, 70, did Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Friday at noon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Berneda Dettmer**, 77, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Andrew Scott Hiles** died Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital. Graveside services Friday at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Harold F. Hollman**, 93, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Luthern Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude I. Kneubuhler**, 79, died Monday at Regency Place. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Arnold J. Landis Jr.**, 74, died Sunday at Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Nick Markowski Sr.**, 65, died Monday at home. Services Thursday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling five hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Betty Loraine Rupp**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, with calling Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Walter Lee Jones White,** 60, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Gatlins Chapel, Chicago, with calling 30 minutes before services.

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Wayne Myers

LOGANSPORT — Wayne W. Myers, 89, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at 5 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Logansport.

Mr. Myers was a native of DeKalb County and a 1931 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School in Steuben County.

He served as a county agricultural Extension agent from 1938-1948 in Mount Vernon, Greenfield, Kokomo, Fort Wayne and Logansport. He was the former owner and operator of Wayne Myers Steel Building Sales, and formerly owned Myers Sport Bowl East and West. He and his late-wife, Mildred, were the co-founders of Myers Bowling Lanes.

He was a member of the River of Life Christian Church since 1943, the Elks Lodge 66, the Indiana Bowling Proprietors Association and had belonged to the Logansport Noon Kiwanis Club since 1938.

Mr. Myers was a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in agriculture. He also served as president of the Kiwanis Club in 1967, as well as Kiwanis lieutenant governor in 1980, during which time he started the Logansport morning Kiwanis Club. He was a past member of the Indiana Flying Farmers and maintained his own landing strip for several years.

He was born March 8, 1913, in DeKalb County to Glen L. and Elta (Urey) Myers.

He married Mildred E. Minniear on April 17, 1938, in Lafayette. She died Jan. 30, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Jo Scott of Las Vegas, Nev., and Karen and Ed Stout of Tampa, Fla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gordon W. Myers, Donald C. and Lori Myers, and Ronald A. and Gwendolyn Myers, all of Logansport; two sisters, Marie Wampler of Bloomington and Sophy Rosol of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger A. and Joan Myers of Albany, and Bob Allen and Nancy Myers of Ohio; 11 grandchildren, Jason Myers, Ronald Aaron Myers, Matthew Myers, Brad Myers, Kim Nifong, Shane Scott, Candice Geriach, Kate Keller, Stephanie Stout, Stacey Richter and Melissa Myers; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Luey; a granddaughter, Lisa Michelle; two brothers, Harold and Preston Myers; and two sisters, Wilma Nichol and Marcia.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport, with the Rev. Cameron Douglas officiating. Burial will be Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rosalie Seaman

AVILLA — Rosalie I. Seaman, 94, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a licensed practical nurse and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She is survived by a sister, Victoria Franklin of Michigan; a niece, Teresa Congleton of Ohio; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Steve.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Fredrick Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Fredrick L. Robinson Sr., 66, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

He retired in 1995 as owner of Fred Robinson Body Shop in Fort Wayne. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Diana M.; two daughters, Diana L. Hughes of Payne, Ohio, and Karen Sue Abbott of New Haven; four sons, Frederick L. Jr. and Charles O., both of Fort Wayne, Don L. of Corunna and Floyd D. of Payne; two brothers, George of Tampa, Fla., and Frank of Fort Wayne; a sister, Beverly Miller of Albion; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Matthew Buckles

AVILLA — Matthew Steven Buckles, 4 weeks old, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at 10:30 p.m. in his home.

He was born Aug. 24, 2002, in Avilla to Dennis Brown and Cherree Buckles. They survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Evan Buckles, at home; maternal grandparents, George and Ann (Luttman) Buckles of Avilla; a maternal great-grandmother, Lavina Maulsby of Avilla; paternal grandparents, Clyde and Patricia Brown of Auburn; one aunt, Jennifer Buckles; and one uncle, Steven Buckles.

A sister, Kathleen Moreno, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Memorials are to Our Little Angel.

Area Deaths

MCCOMB, Ohio — **Mary E. Walker**, 88, formerly of Ligonier, died Wednesday at The Heritage in Findlay. Services Monday at 9:30 a.m. Indiana time at Hartley Funeral Home in McComb, with calling Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Clara V. Blowers**, 82, died Tuesday at her home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Albion Wesleyan Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home and 30 minutes before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Maxine Jane Church**, 87, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Memorial services Friday at 11 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, with calling one hour before services. Graveside services at 3 p.m. at Roann Community Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Marie C. Dennis**, 84, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

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FORT WAYNE — **Theresa G. Edsall**, 75, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sept. 6 in Brandon, Fla. Services were held in Florida.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert T. Gahman**, 89, died Monday at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Callie B. Grant**, 68, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James E. Harkenrider**, 72, died Wednesday at St. Anne Home. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 and vigil at 4:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Harriet E. Hood**, 100, died Tuesday at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Florence C. Miller**, 82, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and vigil at 4:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dale E. Schipper**, 59, died Wednesday at home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, with calling Friday from 2 o 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard L. Sittloh**, 75, died Tuesday at home. No services. Memorial gathering Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Herbert V. Thompson**, 65, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Military graveside services Friday at 10 a.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery, with calling today from 5 to 8 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

NEW HAVEN — **Gerald "Scottie" L. Scott**, 70, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New haven, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7u to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

Friday, September 27, 2002

Norman Ort

PLEASANT LAKE — Norman H. Ort, 74, Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ort worked as a truck driver for County Line Cheese from 1963 to 1991. He was discharged in 1956 from U.S. Army service in the Korean conflict.

Mr. Ort

He attended SonLight Community Church in Angola and was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge.

He was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Woodburn to Bert C. and Dora (Clark) Ort.

He married Donna Greenfield on Oct. 6, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dave Ort of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Holly Eib and Lori DeVille, both of Angola; two brothers, Richard and Kenneth, both of Auburn; four sisters, Pat Baker of Hamilton, Helen Yeiser of St. Joe, Margaret Thiel of Garrett and Mary Ann Fisher of Topeka; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Don, Howard and Robert.

Services were begin held today at 1 p.m. in SonLight Community Church, 269 S. 200W, Angola, with Pastor Dave Everly officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Robert Saurbeck

DELTA, Ohio — Robert L. Saurbeck, 74, of Antwerp died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. He formerly lived in Bryan and in Kendallville, Ind.

He was a former Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America in Kendallville, and a past president of the Communications Workers of America. Prior to retirement he had worked for the former Indiana Bell Telephone Co. as a cable splicer.

He was born in Waldron, Mich., on May 9, 1928, to Jesse and Gertie (Heiser) Saurbeck.

He married Virginia Kelsey on Sept. 29, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter, Moira Saurbeck of Northwood; four sons, Roderick Saurbeck and Scott Saurbeck both of Waterloo, Ind., Kyle Saurbeck of Albion, Ind., and Eric Saurbeck of Butler, Ind.; five grandchildren; one brother, Don Saurbeck of Auburn; and one sister, Sharon Smith of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jesse Saurbeck, and six sisters, Betty Jane Echler, Donna Lumm, Margaret Rashley, Geraldine Sprow, Evelyn Worthington, and Louise Price.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America, the American Diabetes Association, or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Miller Funeral Home in Delta is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Gordon B. Dickmeyer**, 79, died Wednesday at Beverly Rehabilitation and Specialty Care Center. Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. at Huntertown Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Carlene S. Legler**, 50, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. Calling Sunday noon to 3 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy Marie Mault**, 92, died Thursday at Holly Hill Nursing Home, Baltimore. Services Saturday in Baltimore.

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth G. Mowan Sr.**, 77, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church. Calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Sat. Sep. 28, 2002

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Ellen "Ruth" Brayton**, 88, died Friday at Regency Place Nursing Home. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling 4-7 p.m. Sunday.

FREMONT — **Arthur L. Somers**, 76, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at a later date.

Sunday, Sep 29, 2002

Ruth Warwick

AUBURN — Ruth E. Warwick, 89, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Kenton, Ohio, she graduated from Mount Vernon Career Center in 1965, earning a degree in dietary management. She worked as a dietitian with Galion Community Hospital and as a dietary supervisor at Rosewood Manor, retiring in 1980, and as an employee of McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

She was a member of Naomi Chapter 47, a 50-year member of Eastern Star and a Girl Scout leader for 15 years, with training at the national Girl Scout headquarters in New York.

She served as an American Heart Association memorial chairwoman for nine years and was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn.

Her husband, Paul A. Warwick, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Don Taylor of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Doris Shaffer of Galion, Ohio; three grandchildren, Marcia Souers of Auburn, Colette Coumo of McDonough, Ga., and Bethanne Taylor of Fort Wayne; two foster granddaughters, Judith Ruhl of Galion, Ohio, and Cindi Hill of Indianapolis; two nephews and one niece.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Juanita Carlin, and a brother, Richard Shaffer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be conduced Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Caledonia Cemetery at Caledonia, Ohio.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, DeKalb Humane Society or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Dortha Boggs

COLUMBIA CITY — Dortha E. Boggs, 95, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City.

Mrs. Boggs worked at the Wayne Woolen Mill for several years. She was a member of Etna United Methodist Church and Gideons International.

Mrs. Boggs

She was born July 28, 1907, in Noble County to Thomas H. and Sylvia C. (Baker) Beers. Her formative years were spent in Noble County, and she graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

She married Heber Boggs Dec. 30, 1939. They spent most of their married life in the Etna community. In 1958, they moved to their home on Etna Road. Mr. Boggs preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1995. Mrs. Boggs moved to The Oaks Living Center in November 2001.

Also preceding her in death is an infant sister, Vena Maxine Beers.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Eugene and Novice Boggs of Oak Grove, La., and Roger D. and Shirley Boggs, Otto L. and Jane Boggs and C.L. and Penny Boggs, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda Jane and Paul Brink of Traverse City, Mich.; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Glendora Harrold of Columbia City.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Revs. Karen Biddle and Orlo Hibbs will officiate. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Etna United Methodist Church, Parkview Home Health & Hospice or The Oaks Activity Department.

Frank Follis

FORT WAYNE — Frank J. Follis, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, in Healthpark Care Center in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Follis worked at Rea Magnet Wire as an enameler until retiring in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of American Legion Waynedale Post 241, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 248 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421.

He was born March 14, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Milo and Elizabeth (Snyder) Follis. He married Hazel Ford. She preceded him in death in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Judi Loubier of Roanoke; two sons, Gregg F. Follis of LaOtto and Phillip C. Follis of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul Follis of Columbus, Ohio, and Ralph Follis of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Worrell of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel in Fort Wayne. Father Daryl Rybicki will officiate. Entombment will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers, Fla., or donor's choice.

Eugene Haines

FORT WAYNE — Eugene G. "Jeep" Haines, 76, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Haines was president of Haines Insurance Agency Inc. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne Track Club and Maumee Masonic Lodge. He was also past president of American Institute of Banking and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Surviving are his wife, Faye; three daughters, Holly Volz and Cathy A. Haines, both of Fort Wayne, and Cynthia Sandlian of Denver; a son, Douglas E. Haines of Sylvan Lake, Rome City; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial with military graveside service will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Harry Huber

LAGRANGE — Harry J. "Bud" Huber, 81, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Huber was the owner of Huber's Janitorial Service for 35 years and also worked at Foltz Bakery and Hostetler Tire & Auto, all in LaGrange. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Mishawaka to Harry S. and Martha (Pippenger) Huber. He married Leona M. Jarratt March 21, 1947, in Angola. They moved to LaGrange from Sturgis, Mich., in 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Harold Christner of Sturgis and Barbara Jean and Melvin Beechy of Topeka; three sisters, Esther Mae Lunger of Burr Oak, Mich., Anagale Geiger of Elkhart and Betty Walker of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Morris Huber of Sturgis and Donald Brunner of Three Rivers, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are two daughters, Laura Mae Yoquelet, who died Sept. 19, 2001, and Jean Ann Huber, who died in September 1962; five sisters; and a brother.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Chris Knight will officiate. The LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will conduct a military graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Monroe Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Monroe J. Miller, 88, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital after a four-day stay.

Mr. Miller was a minister since 1965 and was the owner/operator of Miller's Saw Business, which later evolved into Indiana Hardwoods. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Elkhart County to Jacob and Elizabeth (Lehman) Miller. He married Wilma M. Hochstetler Feb. 23, 1935. She preceded him in death March 4, 1996.

Also preceding him in death are an infant son; a son, Ernest M. Miller, who died Sept. 6; 7 grandchildren; and a sister, Sylvia Schrock Weaver.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Orus Bontrager of Goshen, Ruby and Eli Troyer of Middlebury and Leora and Charles Kovacs of Monument, Colo.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Alvin M. and Elsie Miller of Middlebury, Howard M. and Lillian Miller of Goshen and David D. and Honye Miller of Sheridan, Wy.; three sisters, Fannie Eash of Goshen, Clara Bender of Avilla and Goldie Miller of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, Alvin J. and Polly Miller of Millersburg.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family residence. Bishop Robert Mullet and the Revs. Melvin and Harvey Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the family residence.

Funeral arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

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Ruth Warwick

AUBURN — Ruth E. Warwick, 89, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Warwick

Born in Kenton, Ohio, she graduated from Mount Vernon Career Center in 1965, earning a degree in dietary management. She worked as a dietitian with Galion Community Hospital and as a dietary supervisor at Rosewood Manor, retiring in 1980, and as an employee of McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

She was a member of Naomi Chapter 47, a 50-year member of Eastern Star and a Girl Scout leader for 15 years, with training at the national Girl Scout headquarters in New York.

She served as an American Heart Association memorial chairman for nine years and was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn.

Her husband, Paul A. Warwick, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Don Taylor of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Doris Shaffer of Galion, Ohio; three grandchildren, Marcia Souers of Auburn, Colette Coumo of McDonough, Ga., and Bethanne Taylor of Fort Wayne; two foster granddaughters, Judith Ruhl of Galion, Ohio, and Cindi Hill of Indianapolis; two nephews and one niece.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Juanita Carlin, and a brother, Richard Shaffer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be conduced Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Caledonia Cemetery at Caledonia, Ohio.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, DeKalb Humane Society or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Susan Lopez

GARRETT — Susan E. Lopez, 43, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at 4 a.m. at her home in Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Josephine Holbrook

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine I. Holbrook, 88, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Holbrook was a homemaker. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the church's Harvest House and Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Holbrook

She loved children, reading and crossword puzzles.

She was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Kendallville to John and Mary (Sobeski) Hornett.

She married Lee L. Holbrook on Nov. 26, 1936, in Kendallville. He died in March 1979.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Rex Denney of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyman "Dude" and Linda Holbrook of Kendallville, and Larry and Shari Holbrook of Kendallville; four grandsons, Brian Rupert of Kendallville, Christopher Denney of Indianapolis, and Matthew Holbrook and Ryan Holbrook, both of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Amy Schroeder of Kimmell, Lisa Holbrook of Minneapolis, Minn., Lori Blackburn of Kendallville, and Jaclyn Holbrook of Kendallville; one great-grandson, Nicholas Schroeder of Kimmell; one great-granddaughter, Sarah Schroeder of Kimmell; two sisters, Ethel Taylor of Kendallville and Leona Konger of Fort Wayne; and one brother, Eugene "Abe" Hornett of Kendallville.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church painting and decorating fund.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to hitefuneralhome.com.

Diane Alwine

FORT WAYNE — Diane Franke Alwine, 64, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Alwine was in nursing for 30 years and served as a licensed practical nurse at Parkview Hospital for 20 years before retiring in 1995.

She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church and an ambassador of Parkview Hospital and Parkview Seniors Club. She also was a 1956 graduate of Central Catholic High School and enjoyed genealogy and animals.

She was born Nov. 8, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Raymond M. and Alma Franke. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She married Marvin Alwine on May 24, 1968, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lisa K. Harkless and Heather L. Alwine, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Dr. Gordon R. Franke of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Susan D. Neuhouse of Auburn and Nancy S. Talbott of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John R. and Ronald M. Franke.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to services at the church. A rosary service will take place Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

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FORT WAYNE — **Marrin O. Ehrman**, 88, died Saturday at Kingston Residence. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Jean Marie Hathaway,** 79, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jessie "Hurn" Hearns**, 97, died Friday at home. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

FORT WAYNE — **Theodore "Ted" Mathias**, 24, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Tuesday at 3 p.m. at East Allen County Church of Christ, with calling from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Samuel L. Spector**, 85, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. No services. Calling today from 4 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Marguerite Elizabeth Smola**, 86, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Rose Vista Nursing Home, Vancouver, Wash. Services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens. No calling.

Lucille Lash

GARRETT — Lucille M. Lash, 74, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at 5:57 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of a traffic accident.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was a lifelong Garrett resident.

She was born Sept. 17, 1928, in Garrett to George E. and Ina E. (Clevidence) Bond. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married James E. Lash on Oct. 31, 1946, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving her are two sons, James C. Lash of Fort Wayne and David T. Lash of Carmel; two daughters, Dianne L. Thomas and Cindy S. Marti, both of Garrett; one brother, Richard Bond of Fort Myers, Fla.; two sisters, Louise Hewitt and Iona Velpel, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Bond.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Susan Lopez

GARRETT — Susan E. Lopez, 43, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at 4 a.m. at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Lopez was a homemaker, a 14-year resident of Garrett and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born Nov. 7, 1958, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Mark E. Lopez; her father and stepmother, Layne W. and Judy Meader of Cincinnati; a stepfather, Norm Haag of Cincinnati; a daughter, Isabella Lopez of Garrett; a son, Demetrius Lopez of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Amanda Lopez of Kendallville; three stepsons, Christopher, Rocky and Frankie Lopez of Garrett; a special friend, Sherri Homister of Garrett; a brother, Rick Meader of Cincinnati; a sister, Gail Turner of Cincinnati; a stepbrother, Butch, of Cincinnati; two stepsisters, Kelly Meader and Tracy Meader, both of Cincinnati; a grandson, Xavier Lopez of Kendallville; and two granddaughters, Hailee and Makayla Lopez, both of Kendallville.

Her mother, Betty I. (Gilmore) Meader, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. Pastor Chris Mosely will officiate.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to assist the family may be sent in care of Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett IN 46738.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Walter Gusching Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Walter Joseph Gusching, Jr., 89, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at 11:45 a.m. at Woodview Health Care.

Mr. Gusching was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne where he was a purchasing agent.

He was born Dec. 9, 1912, in Kentucky to Jacob and Beatrice (Sheehan) Gusching.

His wife, Anna M. (Krudop) Gusching, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas W. Gusching of Fort Wayne and Stephen P. Gusching of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jill and Paul L. Arvia of Chicago, and Jackie M. Serres of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard Gusching of Fort Loramie, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with the Father Kaycee McDonald officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Prayers will be held Wednesday after 10 a.m.at C.M. Sloan and Sons funeral home, Fort Wayne, and a procession to the church will begin at 1:15 p.m.

Calling is today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodview Heath Care.

Robert Wetzel

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Wetzel, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at his Fort Wayne residence.

Mr. Wetzel worked as a machinist for Zollner Corp. before retiring in 2001. He rebuilt cars from the 1950s and enjoyed camping and fishing. He was born July 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Jo (Kilgus) Wetzel; a daughter, Wendy Shuler of Fort Wayne; two sons, Robert Carl Wetzel and Steven Michael Wetzel, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Kizer of Harlan; three brothers, Barry Wetzel of Fort Wayne, Rick Wetzel of Auburn and Mark Wetzel of Garrett; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Thelma M. Frick**, 85, died Monday at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Revs. Earl Coates and James Archambeault officiating. Calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Allison Joy Hazelton** was stillborn Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A graveside service was held today at 11 a.m. with the Rev. James Bontrager officiating. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **William C. Franklin**, 76, died Sunday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. No services or calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **Jack D. Cook**, 79, died Monday at Woodview Health Care Center. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

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FORT WAYNE — **Alexander Fisher**, 79, died Wednesday at Life Care Center. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Earl Gebert**, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital, Florence, Ala. Memorial services Sunday at 2 p.m. in Florence. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Tayoung "Gabby" Holley**, 19, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at noon at Antioch Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Eugene J. Meier**, 80, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday 10 a.m. at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and vigil at 4:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb Foster Park Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Loretta J. Wall**, 53, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, with calling Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **C. Carl Smith**, 81, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 -5 and 7-9 p.m.

SYRACUSE — **Treva Maxine Plank**, 80, died Sunday at Avalon Village, Ligonier. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Syracuse Church of God, with calling today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Rickey Bowen

BUTLER — Rickey L. "Rocket" Bowen, 51, died Monday afternoon, Sept. 30, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn following a lingering illness.

Mr. Bowen was employed as a heavy equipment operator with Weber Sand and Gravel Co. of Edgerton, Ohio.

A 1969 graduate of Edgerton High School, Mr. Bowen lived in Edgerton most of his life before moving to Butler in 1994.

He was a former member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born June 22, 1951, in Garrett to Roy H. and Vesta (Gipple) Bowen. His father died in 1983 and his mother survives in Edgerton.

He married Cathy D. Brown on March 11, 1994, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Candy Bowen of Edgerton; four stepsons and their spouses, Brian and Rose Strock of Leo, Brent and Jodi Strock of Butler, Benjamin and Niki McKean of St. Joe, and Toby and Sheila McKean of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Susan and Wayne Bowsher of Edgerton and Nanette Wheeler of Edgerton; two grandchildren, Randy and Cebrina Bowen; and six stepgrandchildren, Robbie, Briana, Devilon, Nikylas, Jason and Steven.

Services will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, with Pastor James Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Butler Fire Rescue or the Edgerton Fire Department.

Margarete Barnes

SALEM CENTER — Margarete E. Barnes, 86, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Barnes retired in 1977 after serving 20 years as a clerk for J.C. Penney in Angola. She was a member of the Salem Center Study Club and the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

She was born in Amboy, Ind. on Dec. 30, 1915, to Orville E. and Brendice (Curren) Howard. They preceded her in death.

She married Earl W. Barnes on Nov. 9, 1935, in St. Johns, Mich. He died June 18, 2001.

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Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Margaret Barnes of Ashley, Pasha and Annie Rostov of Malaysia and Brian and Carol Barnes of Los Osos, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Marsha L. and Tim Stewart of Mount Juliet, Tenn.; four brothers, Joe of Wabash, Eugene of North Manchester, Orville Jr. of Frankfort and Max Howard of Roann; two sisters, Josephine Pankop and Patricia Young, both of Wabash; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Cline, and one granddaughter, R. Jean Barnes-Platter.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice

Loren Campbell

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Loren "Curtis" Campbell, 39, died Sept. 9, 2002, at his home in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Campbell was employed by Oklahoma City as an emergency dispatcher trainee.

He was born Jan. 5, 1963, in DeKalb County to Byron J. Campbell Jr., and Lillian (Marconnet) Campbell, and raised on his parents' farm in Franklin Township of DeKalb County. Both parents preceded him in death.

He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1981 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

As a radio operator on an E-3 AWACS airplane, he was veteran of the Persian Gulf War, serving from September 1990 to April 1991. His AWACS unit, the 552 Air Control Wing, was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City.

His assignments in the Air Force included England and Iceland, as well as training crew members of the Royal Saudi Air Force and the Egyptian Air Force.

After leaving the Air Force as a staff sergeant in 1992, he drove an interstate truck for nine years and most recently had returned to school.

He is remembered as patriotic, an avid traveler and faithful about keeping in touch with relatives and friends.

Surviving are two paternal aunts, Evelyn Camp of Butler and Doris I. Guinnup of Newark, Del.; two maternal uncles, Edward Marconnet of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Robert Marconnet of Longmont, Colo.; three maternal aunts, Viola Lane of Gulf Shores, Ala., Betty Scott of Tonica, Ill., and Erin Elizabeth Marconnet of Pensacola, Fla.; and 18 cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating. Interment will follow at Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton. A military honor guard from Butler American Legion Post 202 will assist at graveside.

Calling is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, Always and Forever Memorial and Honor Program, Attn: ADA Web, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio, 44720, or www.diabetes.org.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Doris M. Worth**, 90, of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

ALBION — **Omar A. Rathke**, 82, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **Joyce F. Casselman**, 74, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — Jordan Michael Barber-Stauffer, infant, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Joe Bernell Bauer**, 50, died Sunday at home. Memorial services Friday at 7 p.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ray Douglas "Pooky" Craig Jr.**, 19, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Indianapolis. Services Thursday at noon at Summit City Worship Center, with calling one hour before services.

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FORT WAYNE — **Rudy Miguel Gonzalez**, 31 days old, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Prayers Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, followed by services at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 and rosary at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Fern I. Harber**, 83, died Tuesday at Riverbend Health Center. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jack E. Line**, 80, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital. Private family services and calling were held at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas James Kelly**, 86, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Aug. 29 in Arizona. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Bette M. Poffenberger**, 83, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **John W. Simmers**, 94, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling three hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sarah L. Ward**, 16, died Monday at Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

James Miller

ST. JOE — James E. "Buffy" Miller, 62, died Tuesday evening at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller was a dedicated member of the St. Joe Lions Club and Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Miller

He worked 35 years at Dana Corp., two years at Buttermore Appliance, 25 years with Fort Wayne Newspapers, four years at Chilcote Trucking and 10 years at Neuhauser Poultry.

He was born Feb. 4, 1940, in Leo to John H. and Virginia (Bucher) Miller.

He married Tonda Wisler on Dec. 10, 1962, in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Tawnie Miller and Matthew and Shelly Miller, all of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Bruce Young of Spencerville and Heather and David Hartleroad of St. Joe; seven grandchildren, Abigail, Paige and Sydney Young; Mariah and Killian Miller; and Kelsey and Molly Hartleroad; Little Pal Sunshine; and four brothers, Robert Miller of St. Joe, John Miller of Auburn, Richard Miller of Grabill and Melvin Miller of Waterloo.

His parents and a brother, Nelson Miller, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 State Road 1, Spencerville. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Shop with a Cop program.

Raymond Sutton

ANGOLA — Raymond F. Sutton, 68, of Angola and formerly of Fremont, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at home.

Mr. Sutton was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Steuben County, the son of Garold F. and Beulah DeEtte (Walberry) Sutton.

Mr. Sutton was a farm hand and had worked at Simpson Industries, Fremont, retiring after over 30 years as a machine operator. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and attended the Assembly of God Church, Angola.

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He is survived by two daughters, Kim Reed, Fremont, and Kathy Compton, Albion, Mich.; a son, Franklin, Coldwater, Mich.; two step-daughters, Jennifer Stevenson, Fremont, and Latrisha Rinehart, Albion, Ind.; four step-grandchildren; one sister, Donna Sutton, Angola; and two brothers, Jack, Edon, Ohio, and Dean, Hamilton. He was preceded in death by a brother, Hollis.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Joyce Stuff

FORT WAYNE — Joyce L. Stuff, 52, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She had been a laborer for Fort Wayne Metals since 2000 and had worked with Magnavox Corp. for 28 years. She was involved with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas and Bryan, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Thomas Arms of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Deb Arms of Fort Wayne, Sue Arms of Lakeland, Fla. and Mary Bethann Crupe of Garrett; three stepbrothers, Thomas, Robert and Charles Vangorder, all of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2- 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Edward C. Tipton**, 93, died Tuesday at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with calling Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Richard W. Hazelton**, 56, died Wednesday at his home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Grace Christian Church, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **April M. Buckler**, 31, died Monday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Services Saturday at 12:30 Indiana time at Mendon, Ohio, United Methodist Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. EDT at W.H. Dick & Sons Funeral Home, Mendon.

FORT WAYNE — **James "Sam" Christoff**, 65, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. Memorial services Saturday at Christ the King Church, Indianapolis.

FORT WAYNE — **Jemarckous A. Clay**, 19, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at True Love Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Priscilla Dean Close**, 72, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday. Services today at 10 a.m. at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Pamela Ann Davis**, 53, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, with calling Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ruth Hershberger**, 75, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Rio Grande Regional Hospital, McAllen, Texas. Memorial services today at First Baptist Church, San Juan.

FORT WAYNE — **Gloria Jean Hudson** died Tuesday at Select Specialty Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Maxine May Iverson**, 74, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Hi-Park Care Center in Minnesota. Memorial services today at 1:30 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel, Red Wing, Minn., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Paula Marion Pepple**, 82, died Monday at home. Memorial services Friday at 78 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

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FORT WAYNE — **Lonnie Murdock**, 45, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 1 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, with calling Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

Robert Dull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Robert L. Dull Sr., 60, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at 6:05 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Monday.

Mr. Dull graduated from Hicksville High School in 1960. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville Eagles 2556, Hicksville Masonic Lodge and the Hicksville Historical Society.

He was employed at Crook-Miller Co. He retired from B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn in 1995 after 32 years of service.

He was born March 27, 1942, in Hicksville to Weldon and Maxine (Preston) Dull. They preceded him in death.

He married Cathy Worden on March 14, 1981, in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and his wife, Laurie, of Huntertown and Rich Waters of Hicksville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nanette and Scott Strater of Fort Wayne, Nicole Dull of Antwerp, Ohio, and Joni and Randy Rosebrock of Hicksville; one brother, David Dull of St. Joe; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Peggy and William Quaintance and Sandra and William Zimmerman, all from Hicksville; 12 grandchildren; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cal and Millie Worden of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Nancy McBride of Butler.

Services will be held Saturday at noon (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman of the First Church of Christ will officiate.

Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ-Funding from the Heart.

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Donna Tageson

FORT WAYNE — Donna D. Tageson, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, in her home at Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, she was an inspector with ITT for 10 years, retiring in 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Jerry L. Bartels of Phoenix, Ariz., Robert D. Tageson of Hamilton and Ted McCracken of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Vickie Myers of Waterloo, Ann Newport of Winona Lake and Kelly Perlberg of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Bill Walters of Auburn, Jack Walters of California, George Walters of Fort Wayne and Tom Walters of Colorado; four sisters, Helen Cooper of Florida, Patsy Leffler and Jane Clifford, both of Fort Wayne and Mary Goble of New Haven; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D.; a brother, Ralph E. Walters; and a sister, Joan Tutwiler.

No services will be held.

Calling is Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or to the family.

Raymond F. Sutton

ANGOLA — Raymond F. Sutton, 68, of Angola and formerly of Fremont, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at home.

Mr. Sutton was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Steuben County, the son of Garold F. and Beulah DeEtte (Walberry) Sutton.

Mr. Sutton was a farm hand and had worked at Simpson Industries, Fremont, retiring after over 30 years as a machine operator. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and attended the Assembly of God Church, Angola.

He is survived by two daughters, Kim Reed, Fremont, and Kathy Compton, Albion, Mich.; a son, Franklin, Coldwater, Mich.; two step-daughters, Jennifer Stevenson, Fremont, and Latrisha Rinehart, Albion, Ind.; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one sister, Donna Sutton, Angola; and two brothers, Jack, Edon, Ohio, and Dean, Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hollis, and a step-grandchild.

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Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Troy Crandal

DALLAS, Texas — Troy Lynn Crandal, 36, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002.

Mr. Crandal's hometown was Ashley.

Mr. Crandal

He is survived by his mother, Diana Flewallen; his father and step-mother, Jack and Dawn Crandal; brothers and sisters, Travis and Anne Crandal, Shannon Miller, Austin Crandal and Jeff Leamon; his grandparents, Scott and Elsie Lanterman; a significant other, Maurice Gordon; many friends and extended family members; and his dog, Gianni.

Services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. (Texas time) at Oak Cliff Funeral Home in Dallas.

Memorials are to Diana Flewallen, 7852 E. 300 S., Hamilton.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Biggs**, 76, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in New York. Services today at 10 a.m. at St. Philip's AME Zion Church, Nyack, N.Y.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph I. Caron**, 63, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

Frances Beck

GRABILL — Frances Beck, 87, died Thursday evening, Oct. 3, 2002, at The Cedars, where she was resident.

Mrs. Beck worked at Sechler's Pickles and Souder's General Store and also was a homemaker. She was a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church and volunteered at the Dove's Nest in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 25, 1914, in Yoder, Kan. to Reuben and Susan (Yoder) Schrock.

She married Harold Beck on Feb. 19, 1938, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1977.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Lowell Richer of Wauseon, Ohio, and Rose and Gaylen Swartz and Susan and Calvin Kurtz, all of Leo-Cedarville; five brothers, Clayton Schrock of Leo-Cedarville, Elmer Schrock of Florida, Paul Schrock of Fort Wayne, Robert Schrock of Indianapolis, and William Schrock of Wolcottville; a sister, Ruth Gappinger of LaGrange; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Levi, Albert, Donald, and David Schrock, and a sister, Betty Miller.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at North Leo Mennonite Church, Leo-Cedarville , with calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Doug Zehr officiating.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Fort Wayne, IN 46808; The Cedars, 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo-Cedarville, IN 46765; and North Leo Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 213, Leo-Cedarville, IN 46765.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Sample

HUDSON — Opal E. Sample, 91, died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Sample was a homemaker and attended Helmer United Methodist Church. She was a member of the United Methodist Women Society.

She was born on May 9, 1911, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Charles and Louise Marie (Eibling) Haggerty.

She married Ralph S. Sample on June 18, 1930, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two grandchildren, Kathy A. Chambers of Muncie and Keith A. Sample of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, Kyle and Taylor Sample and Shawn Dentel; one great-great grandchild, Kade Dentel; one sister, Lafuna Koenig of Decatur; and one brother, Thurman Haggerty of Decatur.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ralph S. Sample Jr., who died in 2000.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. The Rev. Steve Brittenham will officiate. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian with a graveside service at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Homer Whittaker

COLUMBIA CITY — Homer C. Whittaker, 91, died at 3:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at a family residence.

Mr. Whittaker moved to Indiana in 1931 and is formerly of Green Township, Noble County, where he lived for 17 years. He lived in Columbia City for nine years. He worked for Rouseau Brothers in Fort Wayne for 12 years and later worked at Bherns Oil in Churubusco. He was employed there for five years. He retired in 1973 as a materials handler at Dana Corp. in Churubusco after 10 years of employment. Mr. Whittaker enjoyed all types of automobiles, animals and was an avid walker.

Mr. Whittaker

He was born on Jan. 1, 1911, in McGloffin County, Ky., to Buell and Amella (Coldwell) Whittaker. He spent his formative years in Lima, Ohio, with his parents. They preceded him in death.

He married Fannie Wilkins on March 27, 1932, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jack C. and Linda Whittaker of Garrett, Homer L. and Sharon Whittaker of Churubusco, Frank E. Whittaker and Jim J. and Ann Whittaker, all of Norman, Ark.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Bob Poynter of Tri-Lakes, Karen and Jerry Campbell of Avilla, and Linda and Darrell Yates of Columbia City; two half-brothers, Frank Whittaker of Gahon, Ohio, and Raymond Whittaker of Lima, Ohio; four half-sisters, Lena Bodine, Ella Campbell, Darlene Collins and Edna Herring, all of Lima, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Whittaker was preceded in death by two brothers, Mart Whittaker and Beecher Whittaker; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Geoffrey J. McLean of First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Whitley County Humane Society in Columbia City or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Merrilee Craft

AVILLA — Merrilee A. Craft, 70, died at 4:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, in her home.

Mrs. Craft worked for Courier-Uniform Printing in Kendallville for 15 years. She retired in 1992. She was a lifelong Avilla resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

She was born on July 25, 1932, in Kendallville to Walter F. and Mary Ann (Walt) Debes. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold Ray Jacobs in 1952. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1953. She married Robert L. Craft on Aug. 11, 1956. He died on July 22, 1997.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven J. and Tina Craft of Albion; three daughters and one son-in-law, Deborah A. and Daniel Stoner of Kendallville and Carol L. and Jennifer L. Craft, both of Avilla; four brothers and two daughters-in-law, Robert Debes of Kendallville, Leo "Laddy" and Carolyn Debes of Garrett, Tony and Martha Debes of Avilla, and Steven Debes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Stanley Muzzillo of Auburn, and Monica and Don Rasbaugh of Wawaka; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to Tuesday's service.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

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Sun., Oct. 6, 2002

Julius Pfister

HUNTINGTON — Julius R. "Jake" Pfister, 78, of Huntington, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at his home.

He was the owner and operator of Pfister Auto Repair for 30 years. A 1942 Clear Creek Township High School graduate, he was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge 837 and Starlite Dance Club. He was a former member of the Bippus Lion's Club and the South Side Business Association. He also sponsored and managed numerous baseball teams, including the Huntington Chiefs.

He was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Huntington County, to Martin and Philomena (Meyer) Pfister. On Sept. 4, 1947, in Huntington, he married Phyllis (Sue) Scher, and his wife survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are three sons, Steven J. and Gregory M., both of Huntington, and Thomas A. of Wolcottville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and George Young, Debbie and Marlin Doctor Jr. and Pam and Patrick Ronck, all of Huntington; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Elizabeth Young and Virginia Weinley, both of Huntington.

Three brothers, Herman, Paul and infant Frederick, and three sisters, Germaine Colvin, Agnes Heiney and Mildred Johnson preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington, with the Rev. John Pfister officiating. Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 5 p.m., and Monday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington.

Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington. Memorials are to the church, Huntington Catholic School and the American Heart Association in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

Benjamin Cummings

ANGOLA — Benjamin A. Cummings, 74, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was an inspector and machine operator in the axle division for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a charter member of the Assembly of God Church in Angola, where he served as song leader and Royal Ranger leader. He also worked as a custodian for the Angola United Methodist Church for four years. A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed his family, woodcutting and gardening. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Corps.

He was born July 12, 1928, in Candor, N.Y., to George and Flossie (Fisher) Cummings. On May 23, 1949, he married Hazel Heckathorn, and his wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Steven, of Norfolk, Va.; three daughters, Marcia Jean Bopp and Jennifer Lynn Cummings, both of Angola, and Cynthia Ann Martin of Valparaiso; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Phyllis Marie, and a brother, Irving Cummings, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Angola Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Chris Cain and the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Willie L. "Buddy" Turner**, 58, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held Tuesday at Carmichael Funeral Service, 821 E. Jefferson Blvd., with calling from 1 p.m. until services. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

FORT WAYNE — **J.B. Jones Sr.**, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Hart Funeral Home, 1011 Master St., Corbin, Ky., with calling from 5-9 p.m. Monday. Calling will also be today from 2-6 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be in Parman Cemetery, Keavy, Ky.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas W. Dray**, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at University Park Nursing Center. Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 3-6 p.m. today. Burial with military rites by the U.S. Army will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

CHURUBUSCO — **Myrtle M. Marschand**, 85, of Churubusco, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

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HICKSVILLE, Ohio — **Ira Allen Poper,** 85, of Hicksville, died Friday at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with calling from 9 a.m. until services and after 2 p.m. today. Burial with military rites will be at Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Nell Souers

AUBURN — Nell V. (Prall) Souers, 86, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Souers worked as an account executive with WIFF Radio of Auburn for 20 years. Before moving to St. Petersburg, she was an Auburn resident for most of her life.

She was a member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Butler Chamber of Commerce, Garrett Chamber of Commerce, Waterloo Business Organization, Christian Business and Professional Women in DeKalb County, Garrett Community Hospital Auxiliary, DeKalb County Memorial Hospital Guild, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Auxiliary and ANEW.

Mrs. Souers served as president of the Keyser Township Parent Teacher Association for five years, and as president for five years of the Northeast Indiana American Heart Association, which awarded her the Bronze and Gold Medallions for Meritorious Service.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Mrs. Souers was a Sunday school teacher for 18 years, chairman of the Commission of Missions, a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and organized the "Major Leaguers" (senior citizens).

She was active in local, county, state and national politics for 33 years, serving as president of the Women's Republican Club of Garrett and Keyser and Butler townships. She also was a member of the state and national Women's Republican Clubs and served as a precinct commiteewoman for 18 years.

She also was a national deputy on the Young Mothers Council, Eastern Division, served on the American Mothers Committee of Indiana and was the Indiana State Director of the Young Mothers Council of the State of Indiana Inc.

Mrs. Souers also was associated with the National Prayer Fellowship of Washington, D.C., and a member of Child Evangelism and Youth for Christ and Campus Life. She was recognized in "Who's Who in American Women, 1977-78."

She was born March 28, 1916, in Medaryville, Ind., to William F. and Edith E. (Woodlock) Prall.

She graduated in 1935 from International Business College in Fort Wayne. From 1935-39, she was employed as an assistant cashier at Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Fort Wayne.

She married W. Lee Souers on May 27, 1939, in Medaryville. He preceded her in death.

From 1955-58, Mrs. Souers demonstrated appliances as home economist for an appliance store, and organized the first cooking school in DeKalb County.

From 1958-64, she served as the first deputy clerk in the DeKalb Circuit Court, and in 1964, she was the first woman to run for the office of Clerk of DeKalb Circuit Court. She was successful in the primary, but was defeated by a narrow margin in the general election.

Mrs. Souers then was employed by a cosmetic company from 1965-1967, becoming the first woman to be named a member of the firm's Executive Club and recognized as "Top Saleslady" in the United States.

From 1967-73, she began working with WIFF Radio in DeKalb County with a daily "Nell Souers Show." In 1971, she helped with the Eisenhower Foundation Scholarship.

The following year, in 1972, her name was listed in "Personalities of West and Midwest," honoring American leaders "in recognition of past achievement, outstanding ability and service to community and state."

That same year, she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Navy Recruiting Service "for public-spirited cooperation in furthering the excellent relations between the United States Navy and the people of this community."

Also in 1972, Mrs. Souers organized the first Women's Christian Leadership Prayer Breakfast in DeKalb County, received "Certificate of Merit for Distinguished Service in Radio Communications," and her named was placed in "Dictionary of International Biography, 1973."

In 1973, she was a guest at the International Christian Leadership Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., organized the Women's Prayer Breakfast in Noble County and helped to organize the State of Indiana Prayer Luncheon for Women in Indianapolis.

From 1975-76, she received the Community Leaders Noteworthy Americans Award. From 1977-78, she served on the Marcus Who's Who Publications Board for Who's Who of American Women.

Surviving are a son, Robert "Bob" Souers of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandsons, Jeff and Jonathan Souers, both of St. Petersburg; and a brother, Francis Prall of Medaryville.

Mrs. Souers was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Douglas and Robert Prall; and a sister, Margary Firebaugh.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Oct. 7, 2002 (Con)

Virginia Franz

FREMONT — Virginia Franz, 88, formerly of Lake Pleasant, Fremont, died Sept. 7, 2002, in San Pedro, Calif.

She lived in the Fremont area for 35 years. She worked for Stanley Home Products during the 1950s. For 30 years she sold beads and hobby supplies at Shipshewana Flea Market and continued to do so after her husband's death in 1984, then retired about four years ago. She made annual visits to California and Florida. She was an avid bingo player. She played the organ and wrote some of her own music. She enjoyed making, selling and giving away crafts and beadwork.

She was born in Kingsland, Ind., on Sept. 2, 1914.

She is survived by a son, Keith Franz of Harbor City, Calif.; a daughter, Connie (Morrie) Kasner of Crestline, Calif.; a sister, Betty Klotz of New Castle; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and 14 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Lake George Lutheran Chapel in Fremont.

Memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Church.

White & Day Mortuary of Hermosa Beach, Calif., was in charge of arrangements..

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Merrilee Craft

AVILLA — Merrilee A. Craft, 70, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at 4:20 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Craft worked for Courier-Uniform Printing in Kendallville for 15 years. She retired in 1992. She was a lifelong Avilla resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

She was born on July 25, 1932, in Kendallville to Walter F. and Mary Ann (Walt) Debes. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold Ray Jacobs in 1952. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1953. She married Robert L. Craft on Aug. 11, 1956. He died on July 22, 1997.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven J. and Tina Craft of Albion; three daughters and one son-in-law, Deborah A. and Daniel Stoner of Kendallville and Carol L. and Jennifer L. Craft, both of Avilla; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert Debes of Kendallville, Leo "Laddy" and Carolyn Debes of Garrett, Tony and Martha Debes of Avilla, and Steven Debes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Stanley Muzzillo of Auburn, and Monica and Don Rasbaugh of Wawaka; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to Tuesday's service.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia J. Aughenbaugh**, 70, died Saturday at home. Services today at 7 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen Joan Houser**, 71, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth J. Watkins**, 69, died Saturday at home. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ella Louise Pease**, 74, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Clarabell Heemsoth**, 93, died Saturday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Sons Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.

Robert Saurbeck

KENDALLVILLE — A memorial service for Robert L. Saurbeck will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Lions Club Pavilion in Bixler Lake Park, Kendallville.

Mr. Saurbeck, 74, died Sept. 25. He was a resident of Antwerp, Ohio, and formerly lived in Kendallville.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.

Nell Souers

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Mrs. Souers worked as an account executive with WIFF Radio of Auburn for 20 years. Before moving to St. Petersburg, she was an Auburn resident for most of her life.

She was active in many community organizations, the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Republican politics, the Young Mothers Council, the National Prayer Fellowship of Washington, D.C., Child Evangelism and Youth for Christ and Campus Life. She was recognized in "Who's Who in American Women, 1977-78." She graduated in 1935 from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 28, 1916, in Medaryville, Ind., to William F. and Edith E. (Woodlock) Prall.

She married W. Lee Souers on May 27, 1939, in Medaryville. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Ruby Souers of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandsons, Jeff and Jonathan Souers, both of St. Petersburg; and a brother, Francis Prall of Medaryville.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Douglas and Robert Prall; and a sister, Margary Firebaugh.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is tonight from 6-9 at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Lucy Steffey

FORT WAYNE — Lucy L. Steffey, 72, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at her home.

She was the office manager for International Brotherhood Electrical Workers Local 723 and a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles 248 and AMVETS.

She was born in Wells County.

Surviving are three sons, Brian Steffey of Hudson, Steve Waikel of Auburn, Calif., and Rick Steffey of Kodiak, Alaska; a daughter, Pamela Snyder of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Hank Gallmeyer of Preble and Jim Gallmeyer of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1985.

Services are pending for Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home, with services by the Ladies Auxiliary Club at 6:45 p.m. Calling is also planned for one hour before services.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Henry R. Cabrera**, 56, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 1. Services were held in Queens, N.Y.

FORT WAYNE — **Bettie Jean Clemens**, 61, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday. Memorial services Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service, Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Tawnia L. Comer**, 35, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Susan Kay Forsythe**, 62, of Monticello, Ga., died Saturday at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta. Memorial services Friday at 11 a.m. at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ga.

FORT WAYNE — **Elizabeth E. Hale**, 80, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard L. Jeffers**, 75, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Sevices Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Parson-Rust Funeral Home, Albany, and one hour before services in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorathy L. Kosteck**, 84, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Private services. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Tom Landis**, 56, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda Miller**, 55, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

Deaths & Funerals

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2002

Steven Brown

WATERLOO — Steven J. Brown, 20, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002, in a dirt bike accident on DeKalb County Road 26, east of C.R. 31 near Waterloo.

Mr. Brown was self-employed and enjoyed working on anything mechanical, especially cars, dirt bikes and motorcycles.

Mr. Brown

He was born July 21, 1982, in DeKalb County to Robert and Connie (Krontz) Brown. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son, Hunter James Brown of Waterloo; a brother and sister-in-law, Kamron J. and Christine Brown of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Stephanie and Sam Sweet of Waterloo, and Carrie Ann and Tommy Sisk of Hickory, N.C.; four nieces and a nephew, Courtney, Brittany, Shauna, Shelbie and Chance; and two grandparents, Sam and Marie Krontz of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three grandparents, Betty Krontz, and Jessie and Almond Brown.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Marie Klink

AUBURN — Marie Ann Klink, 92, died Monday at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Auburn. Burial will be at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. A complete obituary for Mrs. Klink will appear in Thursday's edition.

Tom Landis

FORT WAYNE — Tom Landis, 56, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Born in Joplin, Mo., Mr. Landis was self-employed as an accountant and financial consultant. He also worked at International Harvester for 10 years and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Landis was a member of Kruse Auction on eBay, a benefactor of Arena Dinner Theatre, and was a board member of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS) in Auburn, IIT University of Fort Wayne, Sigma Pi and the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He received his bachelor's degree from IIT University. He loved car collecting and car shows.

Surviving are his mother, Frances Landis of Galena, Kan.; a son, Tim Landis of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Angela Robinson of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Lori Marciniak of New Jersey; a grandchild and three stepgrandchildren; and his companion, Sandra Smith of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Tom Landis Scholarship Fund at IIT.

Cleo Bowerman

ANGOLA — Cleo O. "Jay" Bowerman, 74, of Angola, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowerman worked as a shipping clerk for Soule Steel in San Francisco and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, earning his discharge in 1947.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31 and the George Anspaugh Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born March 14, 1928, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine (Cline) Bowerman.

He is survived by his companion of 22 years, Dorothy Yockey of Angola; a son, Jay Mark, of California; a daughter, Sandra Osgood of Anderson, Calif.; two sisters, Ruth Everetts of Hamilton and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Rosalie Bowerman of Pleasant Lake; a half-brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; a stepbrother, Max Gipple of Ashley; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; an uncle, Loyal Bowerman of Auburn; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Gerald and William Bowerman, and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola. The Rev. Jon Bruney will officiate.

Services will be preceded by calling Saturday from noon-3 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Rehabilitative and Industrial Services Enterprise (R.I.S.E. Inc.) in Angola.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Mamie D. Brisentine**, 75, died Tuesday at Canterbury Health Care. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jane Lucille Golden**, 82, died Sunday at St. Catherine's Hospital. Services Thursday in Hammond at 11:30 a.m. at Hessville Assembly of God, with calling today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Burns-Kish Funeral Home, Munster. Graveside services Saturday at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Marie Klink

AUBURN — Marie Ann Klink, 92, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Klink

Mrs. Klink was a partner and owner of Klink Tree Science and Service before retiring in 1986. She also was employed with the Boy Scouts of America at Camp To-Po-Nee-Be, the Presbyterian Church Day Care Center and Lake James Christian Assembly.

She was a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, DeKalb County Council on Aging, Area III Council on Aging, DeKalb County Senior Center, R.S.V.P., and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. She tutored at J.R. Watson Elementary School.

She was born Oct. 17, 1909, in Bound Brook, N.J., to Michael and Antonia (Tomkewicz) Parada.

She married Robert Eli Klink on March 3, 1929, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Lakewood, N.J. He died Sept. 1, 1969.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph Chester Klink of Vacaville, Calif., Robert Michael Klink of Chattanooga, Tenn., and David Jon Klink of Kingston, Ga.; four daughters, Roberta Marie Klink Leins of Lombard, Ill., Sybilla Martha Klink Cardone of Manville, N.J., Joan Phyllis Klink Inlow of Waterloo, and Patricia Ann Klink Engle of Albany; 32 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, John David Klink; a brother, Joseph Parada; and a sister, Martha St. James.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 800 S. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will be at a later date because she donated her body to scientific research.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ivan Hodge

LAGRANGE — Ivan R. Hodge, 93, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A retired farmer, he lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, LaGrange County 4-H and Knights of Pythias Lodge 144, and was a 30-year member of the LaGrange County Senior Citizens-AARP of LaGrange. He also volunteered at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He was born Dec. 27, 1908, to Melvin and Maude E. (Huff) Hodge in LaGrange.

He married Elizabeth B. Gard on Aug. 16, 1950, in Waterloo. She died Dec. 12, 1994.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis D. Hodge and Scott M. Hodge, both of LaGrange, and Gordon L. Hodge of Hudson; a stepdaughter, Pamela Kay Riley of Atlanta, Ga.; and a sister, Dorothy Targgart of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and George Hodge, and one sister, Helen Grabill.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Donald P. Wolf**, 82, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church. Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church.

FREMONT — **Arthur L. Somers**, 76, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Jamestown Cemetery in rural Fremont.

ANGOLA — **Robert S. Ulrey**, 84, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Services will be held at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel Marie Allen**, 93, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at Oakhurst Rehabilitation Center in Florida. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **John A. Cramer**, 59, of Avon Park, Fla., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **W. Thomas McNabb**, 71, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with vigil at 8:30 p.m., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Harriet E. Sayles**, 91, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 1:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 4 to 6 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael Simmons**, 35, of Ventura, Calif., died Sept. 1 in Ventura. Services were held in California.

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel Mercedes Walters**, 77, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Memorial services Friday at 6 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. No calling.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Jack Winston Rogers**, 77, died Saturday at Sunrise Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas. Memorial services pending.

Gerallee Baker

FREMONT — Gerallee (Falka) Baker, 68, Fremont, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Baker was born March 15, 1934, the daugther of Glen and Opal (Smith) Falka, in Angola.

Baker

Mrs. Baker married Richard L. Baker on March 11, 1955 in Fremont. He survives.

Mrs. Baker was a homemaker and mom. She worked as a secretary for Wayne Sidel at First National Bank of Fremont. While raising her family, she was a cornerstone in establishing Baker's Acres Farm Market, Fremont. In her later years she was the librarian for the Fremont Public Library. She was a member of the Fremont Merry Mixers.

She is also survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher R. and Lisa of Fremont, Paul E. and Chrystal of Howe, and Andrew L. and Cathy of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela K. and W. Tracey Howe, Cary, N.C.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1969.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fremont Cemetery with the Rev. A. Summers Clark officiating. Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at her residence, Baker's Acres Farm, 4355 N. S.R. 827, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Fremont Public Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 7, Fremont IN 46737.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Donald E. McBride**, 74, formerly of Churubusco, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Westridge Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Calling today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church.

ALBION — **Agnes E. Judd**, 81, of Albion, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Services are Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilma L. Black**, 89, died Thursday at home. Services Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Grace A. Franks**, 94, of Sturgis, died Wednesday at home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. EDT at First United Methodist Church, Sturgis, Mich., with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. EDT at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Emma Mae Gualtiere**, 89, died Wednesday at Johnson Medical Center at Winsor Park, Carol Stream, Ill. Memorial services Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Naperville, Ill., Evangelical Free Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert W. Krahn**, 72, died Monday in Lady Lake, Fla. Graveside services Tuesday in Florida.

FORT WAYNE — **Marcella Hughes Jaggard**, 83, died Thursday in Laurel Springs, N.J. Services were held in New Jersey.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Rose Ponader**, 84, died Wednesday at Kingston Residence. Memorial services Monday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosie A. Vaught**, 72, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services were today at 10:30 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Eric Velez**, 22, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Sunday in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

FORT WAYNE — **Fannie Barnes Whitt**, 79, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Good Hope Baptist Church, with calling Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Gerallee Baker

FREMONT — Gerallee (Falka) Baker, 68, Fremont, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Baker was born March 15, 1934, the daughter of Glen and Opal (Smith) Falka, in Angola.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker married Richard L. Baker on March 11, 1955, in Fremont. He survives.

Mrs. Baker was a homemaker and mom. She worked as a secretary for Wayne Sidel at First National Bank of Fremont. While raising her family, she was a cornerstone in establishing Baker's Acres Farm Market, Fremont. In her later years she was the librarian for the Fremont Public Library. She was a member of the Fremont Merry Mixers.

She is also survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher R. and Lisa Baker of Fremont, Paul E. and Crystal Baker of Howe, and Andrew L. and Cathy Baker of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela K. and W. Tracy Howe of Cary, N.C.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1969.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fremont Cemetery with the Rev. A. Summers Clark officiating. Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at her residence, Baker's Acres Farm, 4355 N. S.R. 827, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Fremont Public Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 7, Fremont, IN 46737.

B. Wayne Durst

BUTLER — B. Wayne Durst, 89, of Butler died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at 11:52 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Durst worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in 1974. He also was retired from farming in Franklin Township.

He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the UAW Retirees group.

He was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to John and Pearl (Lowe) Durst.

He married Joyce Mark on Jan. 1, 1939, in Butler. She died Sept. 6, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie Williams of Escondido, Calif., a son, John Durst of Monticello, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Marylin Forbes, and one son, Fred Durst, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Jim Glasscock will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetic Association.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Glenn W. Click**, 83, Cromwell, died Thursday at Goshen General Hospital, after suffering a stroke on Monday. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

ALBION — **Dean E. Landes**, 48, Albion, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

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Deaths & Funerals

Glen Vogel Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Glen E. Vogel Sr., 70, of Wolcottville, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at 7:20 p.m. at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Vogel

Mr. Vogel retired from NIPSCO with 35 years of service. He also worked as the Veterans Services Officer of LaGrange County for 12 1/2 years. He had lived in LaGrange County for 25 years.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans No. 45 and a member of V.F.W Post 2749, Air Force Sergeants Association, LaGrange County American Legion Post 215, Moose Lodge 1351, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and the Air National Guard. He received a Sagamore of the Wabash award from the governor of Indiana in 1992.

He was born Feb. 1, 1932, in Latty, Ohio, to Lloyd and Opal (Powell) Vogel. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Carolyn E. (Harbit) Vogel on March 19, 1983, in Howe, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Karen Pelfrey of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen E., and Nicola Vogel of Columbus, Ind., and Michael R. and Janine Ralston of Wolcottville; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Betty Vogel of Angola, Vern and Dorothy Vogel of Paulding, Ohio, Ralph and Lorraine Vogel of Inverness, Fla., Joe and Shirley Vogel of Beverly Hills, Fla., Bill and Helen Vogel of Dixon, Ill., and John and Beverly Dunstan of Cecil, Ohio; two sisters, Vivian Schoenauer of Inverness, Fla., and Mary Claussen of Archbold, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. The Rev. Richard Pickhard will officiate. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 215.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the D.A.V. Van Transportation Program, 2439 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222.

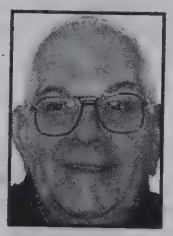
Edward Miller

GARRETT — Edward E. Miller, 64, of Garrett, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, in Cameron Hospital at Angola.

Mr. Miller worked for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 40 years, retiring in 1999. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, Ashley Masonic Lodge 614, Ashley Eastern Star Lodge 229, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Auburn and Garrett York Rite and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 27, 1938, in Garrett to Fred E. and Marie Hamilton Miller.



Mr. Miller

He married Martha Cooperrider on Sept. 6, 1958, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Annmarie Dexter of Ashley, and a sister, Evelyn Hendrickson of Auburn.

A son, Edward Miller, and a sister, Marietta Wiley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be conducted at 6:30 p.m., with a Masonic service at 6:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Golden 'George' Reno

AUBURN — Golden M. "George" Reno, 101, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Miller had been a salesman for H.B. Sherman of Cleveland, retiring in 1972. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

He was born March 17, 1901, in Ladd, Ohio.

He married Eunice I. Stackhouse in 1943 in Auburn. She died in 1992. His first wife, Leila (Bargen), also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn S. Webb of Bonita Springs, Fla., Judith E. Reno of Savannah, Ga., and Kathleen Reno of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a son, Richard H. Reno of Roanoke, Va.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a close friend, Virginia Williams of Auburn.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Harry Reno; a brother, Spencer Reno; and two sisters, Mary Peterson and Velma Baxter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Emma Rosenogle

WELLSTON, Mich. — Emma I. Rosenogle, 65, of Wellston, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, Mich. She was a former resident of Kendallville. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Condolences may be emailed to: sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

Jean Koenemann

NEW HAVEN — Jean Marie Koenemann, 44, died Thursday.

Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in New Haven, with calling one hour before services. Additional calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2002

Lynette Cook

AUBURN — Lynette R. Cook, 53, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Cook was a homemaker and one of the original organizers of the Music Mentors program at DeKalb High School.

Mrs. Cook

She was born April 1, 1949, in Valparaiso to Rex W. and Rosemary (Jacobs) Moore. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Tom Cook on Sept. 27, 1969, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Rex Thomas Cook of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Tessa Lyn Cook, a student in Bloomington; and two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kristie and Eddie Marks of Madisonville, Ky., and Lori and Tony Heidrich of Spencerville.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Music Mentors program at DeKalb High School.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sally Gingrich

GARRETT — Sally L. Gingrich, 63, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at 9:50 p.m. at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gingrich

Mrs. Gingrich worked as a machine operator at Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She resided in Garrett all of her life.

She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 23, 1938, in Garrett to Edward and Amy (Bolton) Pence. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Carl E. "Kelly" Gingrich on Nov. 22, 1978, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin Mock of Acton, Calif., and Greg and Tracy Gingrich of Clifton Park, N.Y.; an honorary son, Craig Mountz of Acton, Calif.; three daughters, Aileen Schultz of Bronson, Mich., Amy Bahr of Sheboygan, Wisc., and Sherry Mock of Garrett; three stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Leslie Isbell of DeSoto, Ill., Kelly and Dave McClish of Kendallville, and Carla Shisler of Corunna; four grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, a stepgreat-grandchild and an honorary grandchild; a brother, Perry "Eddie" Pence of Hudson; and a sister, Carolyn "Sue" Green of Bronson, Mich.

She was preceded in death by one son.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jesse Putnam

ORLAND — Jesse Thomas Putnam, 74, of Orland, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired from Bohn Aluminum in Butler in 1994 after working there 26 years.

Mr. Putnam was born Dec. 7, 1927, in Lexington, Ala., to Willie and Bernice Covert Putnam.

He married Cathryn Guyse on Oct. 8, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dan Putnam of Angola and Jerry Putnam of Edgerton, Ohio; two daughters, Cathy Williams of Orland and Cindy Berry of Kendallville; three brothers, William Putnam of Edwardsburg, Mich., Morris Putnam of Mishawaka and Bobby Lee Putnam of Florence, Ala.; two sisters, Elizabeth Davis of Mishawaka and Effie White of Killen, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

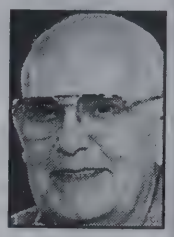
Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Robert Kessler

AUBURN — Robert H. Kessler, 74, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at his Auburn residence.

Mr. Kessler was a machinist at Dana Corp. for more than 30 years before retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waterloo. He served in the U.S. Navy.



Mr. Kessler

He was born April 18, 1927, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are his wife, Janet (Weimen) Kessler of Auburn; five sons, John Kessler of New Carlisie, Ohio, Joe F. Kessler of Middlebury, Harold Kessler of Auburn, Darold Kessler of Columbia, Tenn., and Garold Kessler of Auburn; two daughters, Jane Brown of Arvado, Colo., and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont; a brother, Richard Kessler of Washington; two stepsons, John Bauman of Auburn and Ronald Bauman of Oxford, Mich.; two sisters, Helen Carpenter of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Ann Antrup of Avilla; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis and Marion Kessler; two stepbrothers, Keith Park and Wayne Gillian; a stepsister, Irene Moore; and a great-granddaughter, Evlyn Kessler.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. with rosary service at 7 p.m.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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Golden 'George' Reno

AUBURN — Golden M. "George" Reno, 101, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Reno had been a salesman for H.B. Sherman of Cleveland, retiring in 1972. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

He was born March 17, 1901, in Ladd, Ohio.

He married Eunice I. Stackhouse in 1943 in Auburn. She died in 1992. His first wife, Leila (Bargen), also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn S. Webb of Bonita Springs, Fla., Judith E. Reno of Savannah, Ga., and Kathleen Reno of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a son, Richard H. Reno of Roanoke, Va.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a close friend, Virginia Williams of Auburn.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Harry Reno; a brother, Spencer Reno; and two sisters, Mary Peterson and Velma Baxter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Rosella Merritt

HOWE — Rosella Merritt, 89, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at 9:07 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a registered nurse and worked in nursing most of her life. She retired as head nurse for Howe Military School. She was a member of Philomath and the Episcopal Women's Club.

She was born Aug. 23, 1913, to Levi and Rachael (Stucky) Klopfenstein in Woodburn.

She married James S. Merritt in June 1957 in Howe.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Tom and Barbara Merritt of Howe; a stepdaughter and her husband, Judy and Miles Perkins of Hudson; a twin sister, Marcella Bouton of Howe; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. James Chapel of Howe, with the Rev. David Yaw officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carney-Frsot Funeral Home, Howe Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Parish.

FORT WAYNE — **Alexis Marie Doll**, an infant, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services were today at 11 a.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Nona M. Hedges**, 103, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Graveside services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, with calling Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals.

FORT WAYNE – **Juanita M. McKay**, 90, died Saturday at Riverbend Healthcare Center. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, with calling Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Florence Murphy**, 65, died Saturday at home. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Most Precioius Blood Catholic Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Mungovan and Sons Funeral Home, with rosary at 7 p.m., and calling one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Paul R. Partridge**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

MIDDLEBURY — **Raymond E. Schmucker**, 67, died Sunday at his home. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Middlebury Church of the Brethren, with the Revs. Dan Petry and Don Carroll officiating. Calling today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

MIDDLEBURY — **Chris J. Miller**, 66, died at his home. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Conservative Mennonite Church in Millersburg. Calling today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Mildred Williamson

PLEASANT LAKE — Mildred M. Harris Williamson, 85, of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospita in Angola.

Mrs. Williamson was born July 7, 1917, in Custer Park, Ill., to John and Goldie C. (Kaulpetzer) Russel.

Mrs. Williamson

She was an inspector, machine operator and union stewardess at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, where she worked for 34 years. She retired in 1982.

She was a member of the Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary and the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and was a past member of the Angola Moose Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William "Bill" and Kathleen Harris of Hamilton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret "Peg" Jackson of Pleasant Lake and Marilyn and Lyle Bates of Spartanburg, S.C.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Harris, on April 7, 1954; her second husband, Isaac A. Williamson, on July 8, 1970; and a son-in-law, Bob Jackson, on April 10, 1970.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church in Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Memorials are to Steuben County Humane Society, P.O. Box 273, Angola IN 46703.

D. Irene Peters

AUBURN — D. Irene Peters, 96, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Beta Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Peters was a homemaker. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and the Home Demonstration Club of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Allen County to Charles and Bertha (Wyatt) McInturf.

She married Ralph F. Peters on Sept. 2, 1926, in Butler Center near Garrett. Her husband died in October 1988.

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Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Barbara Peters of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathleen Larson of Fallbrook, Calif., and Delora and Walter Lepley of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Rosalie McInturf of Fresno, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Howard Miller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ted Peters; two sisters, Marjorie Blevins and Juanita McClellen; a brother, Homer McInturf; and an infant sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, with Pastor William Lepley officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God and the American Cancer Society.

Linda Delagrange

GRABILL — Linda Rae Delagrange, 65, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at 9:45 p.m. in Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Sept. 17.

Mrs. Delagrange graduated from Hobart High School in 1955 and graduated from South Bend Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse in 1958.

She had worked at Parkview Hospital and retired from The Towne House Retirement Community and Healthcare Center after 27 years of service.

She had been a member of Grabill Missionary Church for 30 years.

She was born April 4, 1937, in Hobart to J. Paul and Ella Marie (Heater) Zimmerman.

She married Marvin Delagrange in Gary on Oct. 10, 1959. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kimberly Klopfenstein of Fort Wayne; three sons, Scott of Leo and Keith and Kent, both of New Haven; one brother, Rick Zimmerman of Belleville, Ill.; one sister, Judy Lionberger of Wanatah; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Grabill Missionary Church. The Rev. William Lepley, senior pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Grabill Missionary Church or the Harlan Community Association.

Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Robert Francis Tuttle**, 81, died Saturday at Conroe Regional Hospital, Conroe, Texas. Services are Friday at Cashmer Funeral Home in Conroe, Texas. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, is in charge of local arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **William J. Blake**, 74, died Sunday at his home. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is today from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Mabel Irene Mast**, 65, died at Monday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Melvin Miller residence at 7615S — 900W, Ligonier, with Bishop Willard Yoder and the Revs. Elmer C. Miller and Jerry Miller officiating.

BLUFFTON — **Tim Williams**, 56, died Thursday at home. Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda A. DeMarco**, 46, died Sunday. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, a vigil at 4:30 p.m., and calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Eugene Elliot**, 60, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in San Diego. Services in California.

FORT WAYNE – **Eric M. Hale**, 38, died Thursday. Services Thursday at noon at Antioch Baptist Church, with calling Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service.

FORT WAYNE — **Gerald M. "Jerry" Mommer**, died Monday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel and one hour before services at the church.

E. Josephine McClain

HUDSON — E. Josephine McClain, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at home.

Mrs. McClain was born in York Township on Aug. 29, 1920, to Davis and Laura (Brooks) Burch. She was a homemaker.

She married Donald McClain on March 14, 1938, in Salem Center. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pat McClain and Steven McClain, all of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jeff Groosbeck of Hudson; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gordon McClain, and a sister, Audrey Julian.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Kevin Stayner officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Robert Kessler

AUBURN — Robert H. Kessler, 74, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at his Auburn residence.

Mr. Kessler was a machinist at Dana Corp. for more than 30 years before retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waterloo. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born April 18, 1927, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are his wife, Janet (Weimer) Kessler of Auburn; five sons, John Kessler of New Carlisie, Ohio, Joe F. Kessler of Middlebury, Harold Kessler of Auburn, Darold Kessler of Columbia, Tenn., and Garold Kessler of Auburn; two daughters, Jane Brown of Arvado, Colo., and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont; a brother, Richard Kessler of Washington; two stepsons, John Bauman of Auburn and Ronald Bauman of Oxford, Mich.; two sisters, Helen Carpenter of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Ann Antrup of Avilla; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis and Marion Kessler; two stepbrothers, Keith Park and Wayne Gillian; a stepsister, Irene Moore; and a great-granddaughter, Evlyn Kessler.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500

E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with rosary service at 7 p.m.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

This obituary is being republished to correct errors in information provided to the newspaper.

D. Irene Peters

AUBURN — D. Irene Peters, 96, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Peters was a homemaker. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and the Home Demonstration Club of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Allen County to Charles and Bertha (Wyatt) McInturf.

She married Ralph F. Peters on Sept. 2, 1926, in Butler Center near Garrett. Her husband died in October 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Barbara Peters of Waterloo; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathleen Larson of Fallbrook, Calif., and Delora and Walter Lepley of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Rosalie McInturf of Fresno, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Howard Miller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ted Peters; two sisters, Marie Blevins and Juanita McClellen; a brother, Homer McInturf; and an infant sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, with Pastor William Lepley officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God and the American Cancer Society.

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PIERCETON — **Penny Marie Eppelmann**, 36, and her children, Christopher Allen Eppelmann, 16, David Lee Eppelmann, 14, Shane Eugene Eppelmann, 12, and Jamie Marie Eppelmann, 9, were fatally injured in a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of U.S. 30 and S.R. 5 in Larwill on Monday. Funeral services for Mrs. Eppelmann and her children will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Whitko High School gymnasium, South Whitley. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

KENDALLVILLE — **Molly B. Walker**, 87, formerly of Pennville, died Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. Services Thursday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Shepherd of the Hill. Calling is Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill and Friday at noon to 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home in Pennville.

FORT WAYNE — **Cleo L. Harter**, 88, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. Calling is today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Angel Noelle Joy Arnett** died Thursday at Indian University Medical Center. Graveside services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ollie Lamont Bassett III**, 23, died Friday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth L. Fosnaugh**, 80, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 10;30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Thursday at from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with vigil at 4:30 p.m. and calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **John C. Hunter**, 91, died Tuesday at Orthopaedics Northeast. Arrangements pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Gail Sbarge

AUBURN — Gail Sbarge, 66, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Sbarge

Mrs. Sbarge was a concert pianist and a homemaker. She performed piano concerts in the East and Midwest for more than 40 years. In Auburn, she performed in three fund-raising concerts to benefit the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum.

She was a past president of the Auburn Arts Commission; a member of Kenwigs Literary Club and the Ladies Literary Club of America; an officer of the ACD Museum Women's Association and a former member of the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

In New York state, she was the founder of the Putnam County Arts Council and the St. Cecilia Society of Brewster, N.Y.

She was born May 13, 1936, in Washington, D.C., to Donald S. and Esther (Gilkey) Thompson. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Robert, of Auburn; one son, Eric Sbarge of Charlotte, N.C.; two daughters, Carol Sbarge of Atlanta and Jean Sbarge of Philadelphia; one brother and four grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St., Auburn. Burial will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, the Auburn Arts Commission and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

John Boyer

BUTLER — John Boyer, 76, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at 1:04 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Boyer was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp., retiring in 1989 after 27 1/2 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the AFL-CIO at Dana Corp., the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn, the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Auburn Moose Lodge, where he and his wife played euchre frequently.

He was born Oct. 11, 1926, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Harmon and Florence (Walley) Boyer.

On June 11, 1949, in Edgerton, he married Marjorie Stahl. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Barbara Boyer of Waterloo; a daughter, Mary K. Hummon of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Jane Boyer and Bill and Verna Boyer, all of Hamilton; two sisters, Virginia Flegal and Shirley Boyer, both of Green Valley, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Steven Boyer II, Heather Hummon, Marshal Hummon and his wife Sarah, Andrew Boyer and James Boyer; and three great-grandchildren, Damien Messman, Summer Hummon, and Collin Hummon.

A sister, Genevive Higley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Zorado Butt

AUBURN — Zorado W. Butt, 93, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Butt was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on March 19, 1909, to Walter and Hannah Stevens Book.

She had lived in the Hudson and Ashley communities. She belonged to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Hudson Flower Club, Salem Center Study Club, the Widows Club and the Steuben County Democrats.

She married James A. Butt on April 16, 1926 in Fort Wayne. He died May 6, 1979.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Robert Rodenbeck of Angola; a son, Raymond Butt of Auburn; two brothers, Cameron Book and Berdett Book, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Demaris Hutton of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice. Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kmtrynet.com.

Edith Miles

BUTLER — Edith Z. Miles, 98, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Miles had worked as a station agent in New Paris for the Winona Railroad Co. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Butler.

She was born Feb. 1, 1904, in New Paris to George and Minnie (Rentfrow) Lavering.

She married Mark Miles on May 14, 1938. He died in March 1980.

Surviving is a nephew, Turrell Lavering of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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E. Josephine McLain

HUDSON — E. Josephine McLain, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at home.

Mrs. McLain was born in York Township on Aug. 29, 1920, to Davis and Laura (Brooks) Burch. She was a homemaker.

She married Donald McLain on March 14, 1938, in Salem Center. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pat McLain and Steven McLain, all of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jeff Groosbeck of Hudson; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gordon McLain, and a sister, Audrey Julian.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson, with Kevin Stayner officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Kenneth L. Stonebraker**, 91, died earlier this week at his home. Services Friday at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco. Calling Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **George F. Carey**, 98, died Tuesday at Towne House Health Center. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond R. "Bob" Crippen**, 84, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Camilla Elinor Dyson**, 84, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Aurora Medical Center, Aurora, Colo. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Living Faith Missionary Church, Yoder, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Lawrence F. Eberbach**, 78, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Memorial services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Trinity English Lutheran Church Chapel, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Roy Lee Pennington Sr.**, 86, died Sunday at Lutheran Home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Apostolic Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **John F. Taylor**, 68, died Tuesday at home. Memorial services Friday at 3 p.m. at Highland Park Cemetery. No calling.

The Rev. Mark Hambrock

HUNTERTOWN — The Rev. Mark Steven Hambrock, 45, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, at his home in Huntertown.

The Rev. Hambrock

The Rev. Hambrock worked 15 years at Lincoln National Life in Fort Wayne in the warehouse as a forklift operator, four years at Nestle Co. in Fort Wayne as a forklift operator and five years at Budd Co. in Kendallville as a press operator and forklift operator.

He was the former pastor of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and a former board member and lay speaker at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Hambrock enjoyed coaching softball and soccer. He was involved with Scouting, built three log homes with his family and was an avid Notre Dame and Chicago Bears football fan.

He was born Aug. 29, 1957, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Marjorie (Kelsey) Hambrock. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He married Paulette "Babe" Geiger on Aug. 5, 1978, at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne. She survives in Huntertown.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Hambrock of Huntertown; two sons, Steven and Bobby Hambrock, both of Huntertown; two brothers, Tom and Dave Hambrock, both of Fort Wayne; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Geiger of Auburn.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Randall Webb officiating.

Calling is one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family or to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, 46805.

Arrangements are being made by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

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Betty Dyer

HUDSON — Betty I. Dyer, 74, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at 6:37 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill since May.

Mrs. Dyer was a homemaker and a member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary and the Big Long Lake Cottage Owners Association.

She was born March 11, 1928, in Huntington to Oris and Augusta (Hite) Dill.

Mrs. Dyer

She married Robert Gerbers on Sept. 10, 1945. He died Feb. 4, 1983.

She married Donald L. Dyer on Jan. 28, 1995. He survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Cork Young of Wolcottville, Barbara and Charlie Rasler of LaGrange, Denise Harp of Hudson, and Kimberly and Lance Taylor of Howe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Barry Gerbers of Wolcottville, and David and Trish Gerbers of Cassopolis, Mich.; three stepsons, Tim Dyer of Albion, and Doug and Joe Dyer of Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Wallace Dill, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the auxiliaries of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and the LaGrange American Legion.

Dewey Kidd

BUTLER — Dewey G. Kidd, 61, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kidd was a tire builder at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn for 10 years and had worked at Win Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall, Mich. He lived in Butler and formerly resided in Martin, Ky.

He was born May 18, 1941, in Martin, Ky., to John and Victorial (Mullins) Kidd. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his former wife and caregiver, Barbara Kidd Mason of Edon, Ohio; three brothers, John Mullins of Prestonburg, Ky., Edgar Kidd of Martin, Ky., and Andy Kidd of Battle Creek, Mich.; and four sisters, Ethel Hall of Martin, Ky., Edna Greer of Printer, Ky., Rosemary Gross of Marshall, Mich., and Lylis Mullins of Staffordsville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Nick and Carl Kidd.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, Ky., with the Church of Christ ministers officiating. Burial will be in Jeff Hunter Cemetery, Printer, Ky.

Calling is today after 4 p.m. (Indiana time) at Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Calvin J. Burkhead**, 84, died at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, at his home. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Callie M. Barrett**, 72, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, with calling today from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Becky Louise Bowdon**, 81, died Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and rosary at 6:15 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **John F. "Jack" Britt**, 89, of Columbus, died Wednesday at home. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Columbus. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna Marie Heffner**, 96, died Wednesday at Village of Heritage Nursing Center, Monroeville. Graveside services were held Thursday at Poe.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert G. Petrie**, 91, did Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services.

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Ned Houser

ANGOLA — Ned H. Houser, 86, of Angola, died at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Angola. He had been ill since 1997.

Mr. Houser

On Sept. 6, 1916, in Garrett, he was born to Cleo and Glee (Swoverland) Houser. He married Lucille Kock in Garrett on Jan. 1, 1934. She died on March 14, 1984.

He came to Angola in 1999 from Albion and was a farmer and woodworker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Cindy Houser of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Williams of Union City; a sister, Nellie Shell of Apache Junction, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Melissa Nodine of Fort Wayne, Jason Houser of Warsaw, and Kent Boner of Kendallville; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township, officiating. Burial is in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Zorado Butt

AUBURN — Zorado W. Butt, 93, Auburn, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Butt was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on March 19, 1909, to Walter and Hannah Stevens Book.

She had lived in the Hudson and Ashley communities. She belonged to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Hudson Flower Club, Salem Center Study Club, the Widows Club and the Steuben County Democrats.

She married James A. Butt on April 16, 1926 in Fort Wayne. He died May 6, 1979.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Robert Rodenbeck of Angola; a son, Raymond Butt of Auburn; two brothers, Cameron Book and Berdett Book, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Demaris Hutton of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Vickie DeVaux, Jack Rodenbeck and Deborah Gregory; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice. Condolences can be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Sunday, October 20, 2002

Mary Ellen Arnold

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ellen Arnold, 95, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2002, at 9:40 p.m. at the Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Arnold was a homemaker and operated Arnold's Loom Craft Studio for several years.

She was a mebmer of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, Eel River Home Demonstration Club and the Fort Wayne Weaver's Guild.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1907, in Huntertown to Fredrick Jacob and Bessie (Fitch) Kell. She spent her formative years in the Huntertown area and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1925.

She married Dewey S. Arnold on Oct. 27, 1935, in Detroit, and the couple lived all of their married lives on the family farm in Eel River Township. Mr. Arnold died March 26, 1984.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Eli J. and Bonnie Arnold, and Mark L. and Lynne Arnold, all of Fort Wayne, and Aaron R. and Ann Arnold of Columbia City; a brother, Jacob Kell of Huntertown; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Ellen Arnold, and two sisters, Carolyn Davis and Sarah Elizabeth DeBolt.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center Activities Department, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

Marilyn R. Hochstetler

PLEASANT LAKE — Marilyn R. Hochstetler, 68, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at 2:30 a.m. at her Pleasant Lake residence after being in failing health for one month.

Mrs. Hochstetler

Mrs. Hochstetler was employed by Essex Wire, Crossroads Restaurant and Lyall Assemblies. She was a resident of Wawaka until moving to Pleasant Lake in 1991.

Mrs. Hochstetler was a member of Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church and enjoyed playing cards and games with her grandchildren.

She was born May 24, 1934, in Noble County to Clarence and Erma (Damey) Meroney.

She married John A. Hochstetler on March 16, 1958, in Wawaka. He survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron D. and Paula Hochstetler of Arlington, Va.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Irma M. and Kevin Ferguson of South Bend, and Gail L. and Steve Shively of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Dorothy Meroney of Seymour, Tenn., and James and Joan Meroney of Watertown , S.D.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonnie Roberts of Fort Wayne, and Jean and Bill Bailey of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Margie Meroney of Ligonier; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel; a sister, Janice; and two brothers, Clarence, Jr., and Leland.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Joe Schwartz officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Avelia F. Sanchez

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Avelia F. Sanchez, 56, died Saturday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 a.m. at the home of her sister in Hicksville, Ohio.

Ms. Sanchez, a former resident of Victoria, Texas, had been in failing health for the past two years and had resided with her sister since August 2002.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville.

She was born May 15, 1946, in Berne, to Florencio and Carmen (Morales) Ortiz.

Surviving are two daughters, Nicole Briones and Beverly Candia, both of Victoria, Texas; three sons, John Briones and Abel Briones, both of Victoria, and Donny Briones, of Florida; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Ortiz of Decatur and Johnny Ortiz of Fort Wayne; eight sisters, Mary Razo of Decatur, Gloria Jasso of Antwerp, Ohio, Dorothy Chew of St. Joe, Margeret Nieto of Rockdale, Texas, Hope Castillo of Hicksville, Ohio, Juanita Gonzales of Fort Pierce, Fla., Josephine Navarro of Delta, Ohio, and Carmen Garcia of Hicksville; and a half-sister, Rachel Bridges of Victoria, Texas.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gilbert Ortiz, and two sisters, Rosie Funtes and Christina Contrez.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. (EST) at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with the Rev. Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A rosary service will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ollie Smithart

SANDY, Ore. — Ollie Mae Smithart, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, in Sandy, Ore.

She worked as a care giver in nursing homes, a waitress, a bartender and as a laborer in a sewing factory and in a tanning factory. She was a Jehovah's Witness and enjoyed fishing.

She was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Gant, in Covington County, Ala., to Jessie and Ida Wheeler. She was reared and educated in Alabama.

She married Oscar Omstead in 1931 and they later divorced. She then married Clifford Garrand in 1944 and they divorced. She moved to Sandy, Ore., in 1989 to live with her daughter.

Surviving are five daughters, Virginia Nell Anderson of Fort Wayne, Janice Marie ElTaha of Redondo Beach, Calif., Dolly Mae Vose of Avilla, Gloria Jean Bard of Hamilton, and Bonnie Braids Atterberry of Sandy, Ore.; a brother and sister-in-law, Lester and Helen Wheeler of Andalusa, Ala.; a sister-in-law, Mary Lar Wheeler; 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hugh and Jimmy Lee; two sisters, Donna and Cora Lee; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Oregon time) at Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel in Gresham, Ore. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Gresham.

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COLUMBIA CITY — **Della M. Greener**, 74, died Sunday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Services pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

AVILLA — **Olive H. Gieseking**, 86, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

ALBION — **Jane Koenig**, 85, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before services at the church.

TULSA, Okla. — **Marjorie J. Hart**, 84, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday at the Jewish Healthcare Nursing Home in Tulsa. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Emma I. Rosenogle**, 65, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, Mich. Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Calling three hours before services at the funeral home.

FREMONT — **Nellie Marie Wilkinson**, 74, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Funeral Home. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerry Max Degler**, 62, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. Indiana time at Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford, Mich. Calling Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Bette Ruthaleen Lyons**, 82, died Friday in Texas. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben Miller**, 77, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at North Park Community Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, and one hour before services at North Park Community Church.

Lula Farver

WOODBURN — Lula Faye Farver, 83, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born July 13, 1919, in Indiana.

Her husband, Cleland F. "Shorty" Farver, died in 1993.

Surviving are a son, Rex Farver of Woodburn; two daughters, Shirley D. Hoepper of Woodburn and Brenda L. Baker of Payson, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, L. Faye Jones; and three brothers, James, Coleman and Bud Hale.

Private services will be held. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Robert Pollock

ANGOLA — Robert Pollock, 79, Angola, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Pollock was born Dec. 17, 1922, in Defiance, Ohio, to Lorn and Coral (Marhead) Pollock.

He was a State Board of Health inspector for 10 years. He retired in 1989.

A World War II Navy veteran, he was a life member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars post, a member of the Angola post of the American Legion, Fremont Moose Lodge and Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He married Evelyn Norrick on Jan. 27, 1988. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Paul Pollock of Michigan; a brother, Vernon Pollock of Defiance, Ohio; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Gary and Jeanne Mann of Hamilton and Jerry Mann of Arlington, Texas; two grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Pollock, a stepson, Larry Mann, and his first wife, Margaret Pollock.

No services or calling will be held.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Marjorie Vitek

BRYAN, Ohio — Marjorie A. Vitek, 75, of Bryan, Ohio, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at Harborside Health Care in Bryan.

Mrs. Vitek was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 26, 1926, in Continental, Ohio, to Frank Samuel and Blanche (Getts) Wright. Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Vitek Jr. of Bryan and Paul and Kandy Vitek of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Sonny Wright of Defiance, Ohio; three sisters, Dorothy Stockman of Fort Wayne, Elsie Tressler of Adrian, Mich., and Nell Schict of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Della Wheeler and an infant; and a brother, Raymond Wright.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, with Pastor John McFarlane of the First Baptist Church of Bryan officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the daughters of the late Paul Witters and his surviving wife, Nikki Vitek Witters.

Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

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CHURUBUSCO — **Della M. Greener**, 74, died Sunday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Services are Friday at 10 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour before services.

LIGONIER — **Thomas D. Spurgeon**, 81, died Sunday at his home. An Elks memorial graveside service will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. There will be no calling.

LAGRANGE — **Lee W. Norris**, 84, died Sunday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Fruriip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange, with the Rev. Scott Carmer officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

AVILLA — **Olive H. Gieseking**, 86, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are Friday at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Special services of the Order of the Eastern Star 122 will be held there at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Kelly Solga**, an infant, was stillborn Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with rosary at 7:45 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **June E. Graves**, 80, died Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with rosary at 7:45 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — **Omer Blevins**, 74, died Sunday at his home. Memorial services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at County Line Church of God, Auburn, with calling at 1 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Lula Faye Farver**, 83, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy J. Gebele**, 77, died Friday at Lutheran Home. Private graveside services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen Heider**, 92, died Sunday at Woodview Health Care Center. Private services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Eric P. Ladenberger**, 88, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald W. Poitras**, 54, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 11 in Evergreen, Colo. Services were held in Idaho Springs, Colo.

FORT WAYNE — **Debrah L. Poulson**, 49, died Saturday at home. Services Wednesday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m.

William Krueckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — William C. "Bill" Krueckeberg, 70, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Krueckeberg was a 1950 graduate of Kendallville High School and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956. He worked for 24 years as a certified public accountant for Gladieux Refinery in Fort Wayne and retired Sept. 1, 1997.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna, American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and a past commander of Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Indiana Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He was born in Mishawaka on Sept. 2, 1932, to Leo C. and Helen H. (Miller) Krueckeberg.

He married Charlotte Ann "Char" Smith on May 9, 1975, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Lori Krueckeberg of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Lenny Duff of Fort Wayne; six stepdaughters and their spouses, Claudia Lynn and Denny Beck of Hamilton Lake, Mary and Mick McOmber of Columbia City, Carol Hershberger of Fort Wayne, Joey and Mike Bak of White Lake, Mich., Diane and Arthur Suever of Fort Wayne and Debbie Hershberger of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, twin Robert and Mary Lou Krueckeberg of Kendallville, and Donald and Joan Krueckeberg of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Riley Krueckeberg of Churubusco, and Danielle, Camille and Dillon Duff of Fort Wayne; 10 stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville or Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

Doris Williams

COLUMBIA CITY — Doris E. Williams, 95, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

A homemaker, she was born in Hardin, Ohio.

Her husband, Altin, died in 1973.

Surviving are a son, Carl D. Williams of Hudson; a daughter-in-law, Marty Williams of Columbia City; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Lloyd E. Willilams, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Graveside services will be conducted Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Altar Guild.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Walter Scherschel

FORT WAYNE — Walter H. Scherschel, 86, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Scherschel worked as a machinist at General Electric for 40 years and retired in 1978. He was a member of the G.E. Quarter Century Club and enjoyed fishing.

He was born in Fort Wayne on April 4, 1916.

His wife, Loretta Scherschel, died in 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Sondra Case of Monroeville and Linda Lengachor of Butler; one son, John Scherschel of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and four great-granchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Dolores Kurtz

FOWLER — Dolores G. (Schlotterer) Kurtz, 68, died at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, in her residence in Fowler.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Fowler.

A native of northeast Indiana, she had relatives in DeKalb and Noble counties.

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KENDALLVILLE — **Gwendlyn B. Wall**, 88, died Tuesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services Friday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph A. Barton**, 64, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ora M. Buuck**, 95, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Humboldt, Tenn., Nursing Home. Services Monday at 2 p.m. at Martini Lutheran Church, New Haven, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Imler**, 83, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **James "Stony" Jackson Jr.**, 50 , died Monday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Micheaux Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Vitaliy I. Kalashnikov**, 57, died Saturday at home. Graveside services Friday at 11 a.m. at Huntertown Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna M. Klein**, 86, died Monday at Lutheran Homes. Memorial services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Christine Louise Myatt**, 45, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Winona Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen M. Stucky**, 92, died Sunday at University Park Nursing Home. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

Elsie Kent

AUBURN — Elsie May Kent, 90, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at 12:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Kent was a homemaker and a retired secretary for the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Lansing, Mich.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She was born May 6, 1912, in Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada to James and Elizabeth (Collins) Roch.

She married Rupert K. Booth on Sept. 29, 1933. He died May 16, 1953. She then married Arthur E. Kent on Oct. 3, 1959, and he died in September of 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Booth of Norfolk, Va., and William and Jan Booth of Surprise, Ariz.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Dannie Miller of Auburn, and Joyce and Dale Razee of Oakbrook, Ill.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Karen and Russell Tomar of Washington; nine grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Zavitz.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Omer Blevins

FORT WAYNE — Omer Blevins, 74, died peacefully Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, 2002, at his home with family members.

Mr. Blevins was a retired minister of the Church of God in Anderson. He served the church in the states of Oklahoma, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Illinois, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky.

After retiring, he worked part-time at the Indiana Auto Auction, and enjoyed leading the J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) ministry at Park Forest Church of God in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Wiletta; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol L. Blevins of Hickory, N.C., Cyndee L. and Barry Bentley of Anderson, and

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Debba J. and Greg Haupert of Cincinnati; two grandchildren, Jessica L. and J. Tyler Bentley of Anderson; a sister and brother-in-law, Iona and Bob Asher of Middletown, Ohio; and several other relatives in the Auburn area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Omer and Pearl (Roberson) Blevins; a brother, Jasper Blevins; and his firstborn daughter, Beckie Blevins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the County Line Church of God, 7716 N. County Line Road, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information.

June Graves

KENDALLVILLE — June E. Graves, 80, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A homemaker and farm wife, she was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, the Rosary Sodality, Fun & Fancy Home Extension Club, and the Farm Bureau.

She was born June 9, 1922, to Carl Albert and Edna Loretta (Truelove) Harvey.

She married Ralph Simon on Feb. 14, 1953, and he died on March 13, 1972. She married Byron E. Graves on Jan. 12, 1980, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve and Debra Simon of Wawaka, Richard and Anne Simon of Kendallville and Paul Simon of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Kevin VanGessel of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Donna and James Frey of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Eileen Sherer and Marilyn Ann Sarrazine, preceded her in death.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the church redecorating fund.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements. Send ondolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Willah Feller

LAGRANGE — Willah I. "Freddie" Feller, 89, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and former school bus driver and lived all her life in LaGrange County.

She attended Brighton Chapel. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She was also an avid euchre player and member of the Moose Lodge of Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Dec. 19, 1912, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Henry C. and Ada (Whitmore) Ludwig.

She married Harvey H. Feller on Feb. 14, 1931, in LaGrange. He died Aug. 7, 1976.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Keith Notestine of Terre Haute and Jean and David Northup of Howe; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Anajayne Feller of Stanton, Mich., Larry "Buzz" and Carol Feller of Shipshewana and Dusty and Stephanie Feller of LaGrange; one daughter-in-law, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; one half-sister, Phyllis Peck of Payne, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

One son, David Feller, died Oct. 26, 1997.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Brian Thomas Jackson**, 17, died Tuesday as a result of a highway crash at the intersection of S.R. 327 and DeKalb C.R. 12, near Corunna. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Calling Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

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Wanda Rogers

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Wanda Rogers, 87, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002.

She was born Oct. 4, 1915, to Daniel and Adra (Miller) Schimpf in Hudson. Her parents died when she was a small girl. She lived with her sister, Hazel Tustison, in Garrett.

She attended nursing school in Chicago. After two years of nursing she worked four years as a flight attendant with United Airlines. She loved playing golf with her friends.

In the early 1940s she married Charles Rogers and lived in Cleveland, Ohio. He died in 1992.

Also preceding her in death were four sisters and one brother.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Maxwell and a granddaughter, Heather Maxwell, both of Springfield.

Services were held Thursday.

Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Marcella Bickel** died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at the David R. Jasin Funeral Home, Toledo, Ohio. Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

SYRACUSE — **Betty Appenzeller**, 80, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, Syracuse. Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, and one hour before services at the church.

FAIR OAKS, Calif. — **Waunetta McMahon**, 85, of Fair Oaks, died Oct. 9, 2002, after being ill several weeks. Services were held in California. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Plato United Methodist Church at C.R. 500E, LaGrange. No calling.

RIDLEY PARK, Pa. — **James "Jim" Richards**, formerly of Fort Wayne and Rome City, died Tuesday at his home after a long illness. Private family services. No calling.

HOWE — **Donald W. Myers**, 65, died Wednesday at the Veterans' Hospital in Indianapolis. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Calling is Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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FORT WAYNE — **Gordon G. Henshaw**, 72, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Memorial services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerome Hilton McCully**, 90, formerly of Fort Wayne and Garrett, died Tuesday in Salisbury, Md. Graveside memorial services Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ellen McCurdy**, 76, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Graveside services later. Calling Saturday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Martin K. Osterman**, 78, died Tuesday at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy I. Scheiner-Regenold**, 94, died Wednesday at Bethlehem Woods Rehabilitation Center. Private services.

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CROMWELL — **Betty Lou Purnell**, 72, of Cromwell, died Thursday at 7:55 p.m, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Visitation is Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

AVILLA — **Mary E. Sheeks**, 78, of Avilla, died of a stroke Friday at 7:45 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, after being ill for 11 months. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Pastor Gene Flickinger and Pastor Dennis W. Roberts officiating. Burial will take place at Lake View Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Deaths & Funerals

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002

Janice Diederich

GARRETT — Janice "Skinner" Diederich, 66, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2002, at 5:05 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Diederich, a life-long DeKalb County resident, worked as a secretary at Electric Motors in Garrett for 20 years. She was a member of the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Diederich

She was born June 27, 1936, in Altona to Harold W. and Inza C. (Pyatt) Zeider. Both preceded her in death.

Her first husband was Edward Tincher. Her second husband was Robert D. Diederich. Both preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Lynne and Mark Stebing of Garrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and Gale Diederich of Butler, Bobby and Julie Diederich of Garrett and Tony Diederich of Garrett; two sisters, Janet Zeider of Garrett and Nulah Cain of Crown Point; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death is a brother, William Zeider.

No services will be held.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, DeKalb Hospice or Garrett Public Library in lieu of flowers.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ethel Byerley

AUBURN — Ethel Byerley, 78, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at 5 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Byerley had been a resident of Auburn for the last eight years and was previously employed as a meat cutter at White Swan IGA for 19 years, also working at Dick's IGA.

Mrs. Byerley

She was born July 9, 1924, in Whitley county to John A. and Grace E. (Deck) Croy. Both preceded her in death.

She married Eugene P. Byerley on Dec. 31, 1943 in Huntertown. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are five daughters, Patricia Drake of Huntertown, Pamela Gingrich of Auburn, Peggy Smock of Auburn, Penny Favory of Auburn and Paula Toam of Huntertown; two sons, Michael Byerley of Fort Wayne and Mark Byerley of Huntertown; one brother, Wilber Croy of Adam Lake, Ind.; one sister, Mildred Foote of Columbia City; 20 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are one son, Max Byerley; one brother, Albert Croy; and one sister, Mabel Greenwell.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Pastor Paul Markl will officiate.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial is at the Huntertown cemetery.

Memorials to DeKalb Home Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mary Sheeks

AVILLA — Mary E. Sheeks, 78, of Avilla, died of a stroke Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at 7:45 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, after being ill for 11 months.

She had been an office manager at St. Anne Home and at Byron Health Center, both in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 86.

She graduated in 1941 from Kendallville High School. She lived at Provena Sacred Heart Home since January. From 1990 until January she lived in Milford, and before that in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Oak Park, Ill., on Jan. 2, 1924, to William and Mildred (Shaw) Schneider.

She is survived by one son, Wallace T. "Wally" and Anita Owens of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Barbara Hose of Rome City, and Mary and John Todd of South Milford; one brother, William Schneider of Alabama; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Owens and Douglas Owens.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Pastor Gene Flickinger and Pastor Dennis W. Roberts officiating. Burial will take place at Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church, or American Legion Auxiliary Post 86.

James Powell

MARION — James S. "Jim" Powell, 47, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at 4:40 p.m. at Marion General Hospital.

Mr. Powell was a vice president and investment advisor with National City Investments. He was a 1977 graduate of Ball State University. He was a member of the Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion, Marion AERO Club, a former member of the Marion Noon Rotary Club and the Auburn Lions Club.

He was born March 17, 1955, to Herbert and Mary (Corkum) Powell. Both preceded him in death.

He married Debbi Hagan on Aug. 6, 1977. She survives.

Surviving are two daughters, Abby and Ashley Powell; three sisters and two brother-in-laws, Georgii White of Plymouth, Arlene and Richard Weagle of Roselle, and Gail and Jay miller of Plymouth; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Frederick and Jean Perry of Crown Point, John and Vicki Powell of Frankfort, and Jeffery Powell of Plymouth.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunnycrest Baptist Church, 2172 W. Chapel Pike, Marion. The Rev. David Trimble will officiate.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, Marion.

Memorials to Grant County Golf Academy, c/o the Community Foundation, 505 W. Third St., Marion, IN 46952.

Vickie Liedel

VENICE, Fla. — Vickie Sue Liedel, 54, of Venice, Fla., and formerly of Rome City, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at her home. Arrangements are pending at Berhalter Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Russell Billow

AVILLA — Russell L. Billow, 89, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital Kendallville.

Mr. Billow worked as a television repair man for Cornforth Store in Phoeniz, Ariz., where he lived from 1966 to 2000, when he came to Avilla. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

He was born April 8, 1913, in Bryan, Ohio, to George E. and Viola M. (Mavis) Billow. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Kathryn K. Koenig on Dec. 25, 1936, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving are one daughter, Rita Wineland of Avilla; two brothers, Denver Billow of Bristol and Virgil Billow of Claire, Mich.; two sisters, Anna Beebe of St. Joe and Elenora Figy of Wawsean, Ohio; five grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Pastor Dean Bearman will officiate.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran cemetery in Avilla.

Doris Hine

WATERLOO — Doris E. Hine, 85, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at 1:20 a.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Hine was a homemaker and member of Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo Eastern Star, DAR John Shelton Chapter of DeKalb County and the Never Idle Club of DeKalb County.

She was born on May 25, 1917, to Ray and Mary K. (Gilmore) Holman. Both preceded her in death.

She married Howard Hine on Oct. 18, 1940, in the United Brethran Parsonage in Waterloo.

Surviving are one son, Maynard Hine of Waterloo; one daughter, Judy Ross of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; one brother, Ross Holman of Angola; two sisters, Helen Harrington of Laconia, N. H., and Kathryn David of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were on daughter, Mary Mess, and one brother, Kenneth Holman.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate.

Ashley-Waterloo Eastern Star lodge service to be conducted in the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial is at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or United Methodist Church.

Robert Holtzberg

SPENCERVILLE — Robert L. Holtzberg died Sunday morning, Oct. 27, 2002, at his home in Spencerville.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Ethel I. Byerley

AUBURN — Ethel I. Byerley, 78, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at 4:36 p.m. at her Auburn residence.

Mrs. Byerley

Mrs. Byerley was employed as a meat cutter at White Swan IGA for 19 years and also worked at Dick's IGA. Before moving to Auburn eight years ago, she was a resident of Huntertown.

She was born July 9, 1924, in Whitley County to John A. and Grace E. (Deck) Croy. They preceded her in death.

She married Eugene P. Byerley on Dec. 31, 1943, in Huntertown, and he died in 1979.

Surviving are five daughters, Patricia Drake and Paula Toam, both of Huntertown, and Pamela Gingrich, Peggy Smock and Penny Favory, all of Auburn; two sons, Michael Byerley of Fort Wayne and Mark Byerley of Huntertown; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wilbur Croy of Adams Lake; and a sister, Mildred Foote of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a son, Max Byerley; a brother, Albert Croy; and a sister, Mabel Greenwell.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Hospice.

Eugene Morr

COLUMBIA CITY — Eugene Frank Morr, 84, of Columbia Township, died at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Morr served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked at Haynes Stellite Co. from 1949 to 1971, and as a line worker at Delco Electronics in Kokomo from 1974 until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 27, 1917, in Fremont to Frank and Edith Ione (Bohler) Morr.

He graduated from Ashley High School and earned an associate's degree in engineering from Tri-State College in Angola.

He married Melba I. Hartman on Jan. 1, 1949. They lived in Kokomo until his retirement in 1984, when they moved to his wife's family farm south of Columbia City. His wife died Feb. 18, 1997.

His brother, Floyd Morr, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Arthur Hillman of Leamington, Ontario, Anne and William Schmidt of Raleigh, N.C., and Susan and Steven Bienz of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; and a sister, Doris Virginia Carpenter of Ashley.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Christine Hillman and the Rev. Hilary Krivchnia officiating.

Burial will take placee in Eberhard Cemetery in Columbia Township.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Marianne Campbell**, 70, died Saturday at St. Ann Home. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with rosary at 3:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Laura M. Brown**, 78, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Fort Wanders Park West Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **David Paul Ogle**, 79, of Sheridan, died Sunday. Services in Sheridan Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, with calling Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Kercheval Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Clifford F. Mossoney**, 61, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services.

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Roy Williams Sr.

GARRETT — Roy R. Williams Sr., 91, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at 3:45 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Williams was the former owner and publisher of the Garrett Clipper. He joined the Clipper staff in 1940 as advertising manager and editor. He later became a partner with owner C.B. Hamilton, purchasing Hamilton's interest in 1950.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams owned the Garrett Clipper from 1950 until his retirement on Aug. 16, 1976.

He also was a director of the Hoosier State Press Association, serving as its president in 1953.

Mr. Williams was a Rector Honors Scholar, graduate and varsity fooball player at DePauw University, where he majored in English and journalism. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

He also was a graduate of the American Institute of Banking in Chicago and attended Kent College of Law in Chicago for a year.

He was past president and director of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and Garrett Lions Club, as well as a past exalted ruler of the Garrett Elks lodge.

A member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Mr. Williams also served as city chair of the Salvation Army for many years. He was elected to the Garrett school board on Feb. 11, 1957, and the Morrill Foundation on Jan. 31, 1963.

He was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at DePauw and was a member of the Army Reserve.

Mr. Williams also volunteered at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, with more than 1,000 hours of service.

He had resided in Garrett for 62 years.

He was born Aug. 14, 1911, in Chicago to Frank and Jessie (Stermell) Williams.

His wife, Dorothy M. (Martin), survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Roy R. "Rick" Williams Jr. of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a daughter, Margaret "Meg" Eastes of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank and Clifford Williams.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Garrett United Methodist Church, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Cremation will take place Wednesday in the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be at the church, one-half hour before the services and following the services.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett Public Library Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Robert Holtzberg

SPENCERVILLE — Robert L. Holtzberg, 48, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, in his Spencerville home.

Mr. Holtzberg was a sales manager for General Electric and a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Holtzberg

He was born Nov. 16, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Rush L. and Thelma Irene (Rhodes) Holtzberg. They preceded him in death.

He married Deeanda L. Heyman on July 29, 1999, in the backyard of their home in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Bridget and Naveen Passey of Indianapolis, Brooke Holtzberg of Indianapolis and Brittney Holtzberg of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Al Mumma of Waterloo and Joshua Mumma of Albion; one stepdaughter, Amy Gulker of Fort Wayne; one brother, William Holtzberg of Fort Wayne; and four step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce, in 1991.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Mary Ott

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Mary Louise Bellinger Ott, 77, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2002 at Lake Bridge Health Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Ott was a native of Allen County and had lived in Tennessee since 1968.

She was employed as a long lines telephone operator in New York City in 1944 and by Indiana Bell Telephone from 1945-1946. She also was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ott was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Bristol, Tenn.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Conner of Piney Flats, Tenn., and Tammie Serpa of Nicholson, Ga.; eight grandchildren, Josh Cape, Michael Cape, Eli Dove, Emily Serpa and Dustin Serpa, all of Nicholson, Ga., Allison Conner Marino of Elizabethton, Tenn.; and Alan Conner and Andrew Conner of Piney Flats; a sister, Betty Hunt of Auburn; a special sister-in-law, Evelyn Koenemonn of New Haven; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Ella Pion Bellinger of Allen County; her husband, Lewis V. Ott; and a brother, William Bellinger.

Services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Bristol, Tenn., with Pastor Carl Blackburn officiating. Mrs. Ott will be interred alongside her husband at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center Mountain Home Cemetery in Mountain Home, Tenn.

Memorials are to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 136 Highridge St., Bristol, TN 37620.

Arrangements are being made by Snyder's Funeral Home in Gray, Tenn.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Jane L. George**, 61, died at 2:07 p.m. Monday. Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, and one hour before services at the church.

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TOPEKA — **Anna Marie Miller**, 81, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday at Avalon Village, Ligonier. Services are Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Townline Conservative Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Menno Mullet officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Arrangements were made by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice J. Anderson**, 85, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Memorial services Nov. 9 at the Chapel of St. Anne Home. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven P. Archer**, 24, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Larry M. Barrand**, 66, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mabel Marie Carpenter**, 63, died Saturday at Regency Place. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn Conner**, 74, died Friday at Heritage Park Health Care. Graveside services were today at 11 a.m. at IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Geraldine S. Dochterman**, 79, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Paula J. Salen Scheckel**, 53, died Saturday at home. Services Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling three hours before services.

FORT WAYNE —**George A. Shelper**, 75, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m.. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Valerie Rochell Moore**, 32, died Saturday at home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, with calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Glenn W. Shepard**, 69, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at his home in South Carolina. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Hans B. Sieber**, 86, died Oct. 22 at Lutheran Hospital. Private services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary F. Taylor**, 73, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Eric L. Thomas**, 41, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

NEW HAVEN — **Christopher M. Shull**, 28, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Larry Coder

AUBURN — Larry E. Coder, 57, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Coder worked as a line inspector for Key Plastics in Hamilton for five years.

He was born July 14, 1945, in Niles, Mich., to Adalbert and Agnes (Przybylinski) Coder. They preceded him in death.

He married Karen Korros on Dec. 20, 1975, in South Bend, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, James "Jim" Coder of South Bend; a daughter, Bonnie Blad of South Bend; a brother, James Coder of Gainsville, Texas; a sister, Patricia Dobrucki of Mishawaka; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Michael and Jack Coder.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Vivian Shappell

FORT WAYNE — Vivian E. Shappell, 89, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at Kingston Care Center.

Mrs. Shappell was born in Cheboygan, Mich. She retired in 1973 after 20 years as a substitute teacher at East Allen County Schools. She was a former state chairman of County Extension Homemaker Clubs, Senior Queen Northeast Area of Indiana in 1996, 1991 Older Hoosier of the Year of Allen County, and a former PTA district director.

Surviving are five sons, John of Hamilton, Ronald of Huntertown, Gerald of Palm Harbor, Fla., Neil of Hot Springs, Ark., and Charles of Poe; four daughters, Phyllis Wells of Hamilton, Janet Eward of Homosassa, Fla., Susan Burge of Lutz, Fla., and Evelyn Rutledge of Tampa, Fla.; 33 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Fred, died in 1981. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Paul in 1999 and Stephen in 2000.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are to Aging and In-Home Services Building Fund.

Frances Strange

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — Frances Evelyn Strange, 79, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Glenwood Estate Nursing Home in Independence, Kan.

Mrs. Strange was born July 17, 1923, in Auburn to Wayne and Gladys (Soule) Dilgard. She grew up and attended schools in Auburn.

She married John Vernon Strange on Sept. 6, 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died in 1962.

Surviving are a son, John Strange of El Dorado, Kan.; a brother, Charles Dilgard of Van Buren, Ohio; two sisters, Margaret Babinger of Defiance, Ohio, and Lyda Cutchin of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Clara C. Blotkamp**, 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Prayers at 10 a.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with vigil at 4:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna M. Meekin**, 80, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Peter T. Paulson**, 64, died Saturday at home. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., with calling following.

NEW HAVEN — **Julian K. Rager**, 59, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with calling 10-11 a.m.

Russell Melchi

BUTLER — Russell H. Melchi, 80, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at 8:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Melchi worked at Foley Pattern in Auburn. He was a World War II veterans of the U.S. Army.

He was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Grabill to Earl and Normanda (Smith) Melchi. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Georgia Lower on Oct. 7, 1950, in Auburn. She died Feb. 15, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Rose Oberlin of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Newton Moore of Spencerville; three brothers, Robert Melchi of Spencerville, Richard Melchi of Livetzes, Pa., and Orvel Melchi of Arizona; two sisters, Mary Melchi of Harlan and Betty Marsh of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Rhodes; a brother, Waldo Melchi; and three sisters, Ellis Anderson, Irene Decker and Doris Melchi.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Ray Carter officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Craig Clarke

ANGOLA — Craig V. Clarke, 85, of Angola, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at home.

Mr. Clarke farmed his own land.

He was born Sept. 28, 1917, in St. Louis, Mo., to Clyde and Florence (Munger) Clarke. He is survived by a friend, Keith Chrysler of Hudson.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Flint Cemetery, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Christlieb

BUTLER — Dale F. Christlieb, 73, formerly of Butler, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002, at Gainesville VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla.

He had retired as owner and operator of Christlieb Construction. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

He was born in Warren, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne; three sons, Calvin Christlieb of Kendallville, Bob Christlieb of Fort Wayne and Steven Christlieb of Avilla; three brothers, Ted Christlieb of Angola, Melvin Christlieb of Las Vegas and Rick Christlieb of Provo, Utah; two sisters, Virginia Schwartz of Garrett and Carol Geer of Wyoming; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dale Jr.

There will be no local services or calling.

Arrangements are by Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, Timber Ridge Chapel, Ocala, Fla.

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FORT WAYNE — **Lorena E. Heiman**, 91, died Tuesday at Woodview Healthcare Inc. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling Friday from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Zelma C. Zolman**, 87, died at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital after an extended illness. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling one hour before services at the funeral home.

HOWE — **Marcella Bouton**, 89, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Claude F. Bobay**, 88, died Tuesday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Franklin Carmien**, 64, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia E. Clausen**, 82, died Monday at Harborside Health Care Center, New Haven. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Theresa J. Dennis**, 37, died Wednesday at the VA Medical Center. Services Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Iva Mary Frandson**, 92, died Tuesday at St. Anne Home. Services today at 2 p.m. at St. Anne Home Chapel, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Kaeli Alyssa Graham**, 14 months, died Monday at home. Services today at 1 p.m. at Vernon Jewell-Nick Rittman Funeral Home, Columbus, Ind., with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **McJoe Hill**, 71, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Union Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

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Lois Albright

KENDALLVILLE — Lois P. Albright, 77, died Thursday, Oct, 31, 2002, at 9:40 a.m. at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Albright owned and operated Albright's Grocery Store in Corunna for 48 years. When she co-founded the grocery in 1954, she was one of only a few pioneer businesswomen in DeKalb County.

She loved her Corunna community, where she was very active physically and philanthropically.

She was a graduate of the Indiana University Medical Center as a registered nurse. Over the years, she worked at Logansport Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children, McCray Hospital in Kendallville and Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett. She also worked as a private nurse.

She was born in Corunna to Earl and Ada (Weihmuller) Farrington.

She married Jack E. Albright on Dec. 28, 1946, in Corunna. He died Jan. 2, 1989.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sue Albright of Corunna and Fritz and Sally Albright of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Jeff Brennan of Kendallville and Suzanne and Reggie Stafford of Story Lake; a brother, Thomas Farrington of Granite City, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Charles Farrington, and a sister, Joan Beadell, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lee Bracey will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department or the Corunna Athletic Association.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Mann

AUBURN — William A. Mann, 86, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002.

Mr. Mann worked in construction as a project superintendent for 25 years. He was the general superintendent for Lathrop Co. on the original project to build DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Mann

He also ran the work at Weirton Steel Co. in Weirton, W. Va., on five buildings at Michigan State University, a building at Ohio State University, a flood control project in Ashland, Ky., a pair of bridges on 465 S over the White River in Indianapolis and many other projects throughout Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Mr. Mann had his own construction company in Auburn from 1966 to 1971, and owned and operated the Farm and Garden Store in Auburn from 1971 to 1974.

He was the DeKalb County building commissioner from 1975 until his retirement in October of 1984. During this time, he developed and patented the County Wide Rural Numbering System for DeKalb County.

Mr. Mann served in the U.S. Army in Europe in Patton's Third Army from April 1944 to October 1945. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star.

He taught ballroom and country-western dancing from 1959 to 2000.

He was born Dec. 23, 1916, at Marcellus, Mich., to Ben and Lena (Arndt) Mann.

He married Ruth Owen on July 17, 1935, and they had three children. She preceded him in death.

He then married Opal (Olinger) Flood, who had three children, on June 7, 1963. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Mann of Battle Creek, Mich., and David Mann of Butler; a daughter, Suzanne (Mann) Hubbard of Indianapolis; a stepson, Gary Flood of Angola; a stepdaughter, Sharon (Flood) Kline of Auburn; four grandsons, two granddaughters, five stepgrandsons, two stepgranddaughters, three great-grandsons; three great-granddaughters and three stepgreat-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Stephen Flood, and a granddaughter-in-law, Anne Mann.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Evelyn Baughman

AUBURN — Evelyn L. Baughman, 68, of rural Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, in St. Joseph Medical Center at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Baughman worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville, retiring in 1993 with 32 years of service.

She was born May 7, 1934, in Garrett to Austin and Vesta (Barber) Diederich. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Munson M. Baughman of rural Auburn; a son, Gary M. Baughman of Auburn; a daughter, Catherine Clark of Centreville, Va.; two brothers, James Diederich and David Diederich, both of Garrett; two sisters, Wanda Elliott of Rome City and Nancy Hazelton of Davenport, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Blake Baughman, Andrew Baughman and Stephen Clark.

A sister, Marlene Miller, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Anastazia Cook

FORT WAYNE — Anastazia M. Cook, 5 months old, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her father, Tony Morris of Fort Wayne; her mother, Allison Cook of Fort Wayne; a brother, Logan; her grandparents, Karin and Ken Draper of Fort Wayne, Ken and Adel Cook of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Doris and Ronald Hugenard of New Haven; and her great-grandparents, Frances Cook of Louisville, Ky., Charles and Barbara Draper of Garrett, and Gwen Erengrath of New Jersey.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery. Calling is 30 minutes before services at the chapel in the cemetery.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information.

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Genevieve Casebere

BUTLER — Genevieve "Becky" E. Casebere, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Casebere was a homemaker, a member of the Butler Church of Christ and a charter member of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 21, 1911, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Grover and Eva (Niedhardt) Poper.

On July 16, 1930, in Hicksville, she married Raymond Casebere. He died Jan 21, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Mary Ann Casebere of St. Joe; two daughters, Sue Cherry of Fort Wayne, and Nancy Middleton of Hicksville; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and a brother, Otho Poper, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Eagles.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Katherine Roth

HUNTINGTON — Katherine I. Roth, 43, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 30, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at Huntington, following an extended illness. She had been a resident there since 1998.

She was a former resident of rural Portland and Pennville and was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 28, 1959, in Portland to Howard and Margaret (Wheitzel) Morgan. Her father survives in Pennville.

She married Brad W. Roth on March 5, 1978, and he survives in Portland.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Stacie and Jody Ullom of Auburn and Candy Roth of Portland; two brothers, Dale Morgan of Florida and Mark Morgan of Muncie; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Sharon and Danny Robbins of Tennessee, Karen Morgan of Portland, Tammy Morgan of Bryant, Connie and Robert Beavers of Bryant, and Jane and Dave Moore of Tekonsha, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor John Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Twin Hills Cemetery at Pennville.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Lois Tarlton

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lois Maxine Tarlton, 82, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at Caritas Medical Center in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Tarlton lived in Louisville and was a former resident of Auburn and Columbia City.

She was a member of Shively United Methodist Church in Louisville.

She was born July 15, 1920, to Ford and Ducy (Denney) Carper.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Sandra Tarlton of Louisville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Jerry Johnson of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Betty Holycross of Sebring, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Beverly Carper of Garrett; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel; and a son, Jerry.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes.

Wilbur 'Bill' Klink

ORLANDO, Fla. — Wilbur "Bill" Mark Klink, 88, of Orlando died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002.

He was born Oct. 13, 1914 in Salem Center of Steuben County, Ind., to Chester and Mabel Klink.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1932 and attended Metropolitan Church Association, a Bible school, in Waukesha, Wis., from 1932 to 1938.

He was involved in missionary work for the church and school in the Far West and Northeast United States.

He was employed by Borg Warner Corp. of Auburn from 1938 to 1946 and was the owner/operator of Klink Brothers Trucking from 1946 to 1952, when he moved to the central Florida area.

He was employed by the Orange County School Board from 1952 to 1953 and worked for the Orlando Utilities Commission from 1953 to 1976, when he retired as director of facilities.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maxine; a daughter, Margie Jean Thomas of Baton Rouge, La.; a son, Von Allen Klink of Tallahassee, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Annabele Klink of Roanoke, Va.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Goldenrod Chapel of Baldwin-Fairchild, 7520 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, Fla., with calling one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Orlando, Fla.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity, Hospice or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Russell Melchi

BUTLER — Russell H. Melchi, 80, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at 8:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Melchi worked at Foley Pattern in Auburn. He was a World War II veterans of the U.S. Army.

He was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Grabill to Earl and Normanda (Smith) Melchi. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Georgia Lower on Oct. 7, 1950, in Auburn. She died Feb. 15, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Rose Oberlin of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Newton Moore of Spencerville; three brothers, Robert Melchi of Spencerville, Richard Melchi of Litiz, Pa., and Orville Melchi of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; two sisters, Mary Melchi of Harlan and Betty Marsh of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Rhodes; a brother, Waldo Melchi; and three sisters, Ellis Anderson, Irene Decker and Doris Melchi.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Ray Carter officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Joseph Truman "Bud" Thomas**, 82, died Thursday at his home. Services are Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

CHURUBUSCO — **Arthur L. Herron**, 83, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Merriam Christian Chapel. Calling is Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice Eleanor Schwartz**, 87, formerly of the Wolcottville area, died Aug. 8 in Venice, Fla. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

WOODBURN — **Anna V. Gerardot**, 89, died Thursday at her home. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, rural New Haven. Calling is Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. Calling also one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **George W. Neireiter Sr.**, 83, died Wednesday at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Area Deaths

FREMONT — **Willis C. Powell**, 68, of Lake James, died Thursday at his home. Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church, 220 W. Maumee St., with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the church. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

ANGOLA — **Margaret L. Wilson**, 82, Angola, died Friday at home. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a service by the Women of the Moose at 6:30 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

FORT WAYNE — **Luther J. "Red" Graves Jr.**, 79, Fort Wayne, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Private family services will be held. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002

Deaths & Funerals

Margaret 'Peg' Lombard

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret L. "Peg" Lombard, 73, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at 10:40 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Lombard was a lab technician for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 39 years and a lifelong Kendallville resident. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She was born in Kendallville on March 22, 1929, to Henry and Luella (Treesh) Kimmel.

She married to Bud Lombard on Nov. 5, 1949, in Marion. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 1984.

Mrs. Lombard

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Gary Hile of Kendallville and Carol and Ray Salzbrun of Ligonier; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Kurt and Vicky Lombard of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and Cameron Lombard of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Lauren Lombard, Hunter Lombard and Hannah Lombard; and one stepgrandchild, Victoria Salzbrun.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 5-7 p.m. and Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Franz Wells

FREMONT — Franz F. Wells, 81, of Fremont, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wells worked for Simpson Industries in Fremont, retiring in 1983. He also was a construction worker in Fort Wayne and was involved in building Parkview Hospital and the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. He was formerly employed at Bledsoe's Beach on Lake James.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a member of the American Legion for 53 years. He graduated from Angola High School.

He enjoyed fishing and people. He liked to tell stories and spend time with his family and grandchildren.

He was born Jan. 8, 1921, in Steuben County to Loton and Blanche (Corey) Wells. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Wells married Claramae Wolf on Feb. 10, 1945, in Louisiana. She died Sept. 12, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kay and Joseph Renowden of Jupiter, Fla., and Jean Wells of Fremont; one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and RIta Wells of Fremont; three sisters, Wauneta Cooper and Violet Adams, both of Fremont, and Mary Cronkwright of Granada Hills, Calif.; six grandchildren, Julieanne Renowden, Deborah Renowden, Lesli Hall (and husband Keith), Beth Wells, Jyl Wells and Monti Wells; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Wells (who died July 4, 1982), two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. The Rev. Duane Stidham will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont with military committal services by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Richard Woollweever

ANGOLA — Richard Allen Woollweever, 55, of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Woollweever was a prison guard and food administrator at Leavenworth Prison in Kansas. He also was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Nov. 20, 1946, in Ann Arbor to Aldolph Richard and Bernice (Cullen) Woollweever. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert and Raymond Woollweever, both of Angola; two sisters, Janet McGrane of Duluth, Minn., and JoAnne Marie Stevens of Angola; and one sister-in-law, Claudia Woollweever of Duluth, Minn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Glen Woollweever.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Duluth, Minn.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Gwendolyn Saalfrank

FORT WAYNE — Gwendolyn J. (Pieper) Saalfrank, 82, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Saalfrank was an industrial aide at Zion Lutheran School for 11 years. She retired in 1985.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Seniors Society, Mary Circle, a singles group and the Home Economics Club of Allen County. She was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Edgerton, Ind.

She married Arthur Pieper who preceded her in death in 1974. She then married Kenneth Saalfrank, who passed away in 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry and Joseph Pieper, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Judi Krider of Fort Wayne and Janet Leatherman of Avilla; three brothers, Chester and Keith Everson of Fort Wayne, and Kimsey Everson of Rome City; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or Turnstone.

Deaths & Funerals

Monday, Nov. 4, 2002

William Bellamy

AUBURN — William "Bill" E. Bellamy, 76, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Bellamy worked as a sales manager for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn for 38 years and for Ben Davis Chevrolet for six years before retiring in 1989. He also was the DeKalb County assessor for eight years.

Mr. Bellamy

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Bellamy was the former commander of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born April 5, 1926, in Maysville, Ky., to Raymond and Florence (Clark) Bellamy. They preceded him in death.

He married Nondas M. Hardenbrook on June 4, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Candace and Nathan Awuah-Korang of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Duard and Grace Bellamy of Butler, and Gene and Maureen Bellamy of Elkhart; and a sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Thurlow Hay of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Dorsey Bellamy.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Auburn Alliance Church, with the Rev. Dave Schleh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with graveside services by the American Legion.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Benevolent Fund in care of the Auburn Alliance Church and American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Vivian Pifer

EDGERTON, Ohio — Vivian K. Pifer, 95, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton. She had been in failing health for six years.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church and the Edgerton Garden Club. She was a former member of the Williams County Fair Board.

Mrs. Pifer was born oOct. 19, 1907, in Auburn, to Egbert and Clara (Grube) Townley.

She married Elmer F. Lash in 1930, and he preceded her in death in 1968.

She then married Ronald M. Pifer in 1974, and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are a son, Ned Lash of Angola; a grandson, Joel Lash, and two great-grandchildren, Madison and Ethan Lash, all of Albuquerque, N.M.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Cecile Lawhead, Mable Yonker and Cladys Scott.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Tuesday two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jeremy Hoffman

CHURUBUSCO — Jeremy Hoffman, 23, of rural Churubusco died at 12:19 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an automobile accident.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Sherri and Noel Gaff of Churubusco; his father, Alden Ray McClure of Churubusco; four sisters, Tinly Hoffman of Fort Wayne, Candace Simons-Gaff, Casey Simons Gaff and Noelle Gaff, all of Churubusco; a brother, Hunter Gaff of Churubusco; two stepsisters, Shane Miller of Huntertown and Stacy Simons of Churubusco; his grandmother, Betty Lawson of Auburn; and his stepgrandparents, Monte and Nancy Gaff of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Josephine O. Becker**, 80, died Saturday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Leburn Combs Wolcottville officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Stanley E. Brown**, 95, died Wednesday at home. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church, with calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Services.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret M. Pape**, 82, died Sunday at home. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

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Robert Shuff

AUBURN — Robert H. Shuff, 73, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Shuff was a police officer for the Auburn Police Department for 25 years before retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

He was born March 5, 1929, in DeKalb County to Harry Ellsworth Shuff and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Betty Boren on Nov. 23, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Alan Shuff and Signa Shuff of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Donald Kennedy of Auburn; three brothers, Chalmer Shuff of Phoenix, Ariz., James Shuff of Garrett and William Shuff of Fontania, Calif.; 10 sisters, Jackie Walker, Jo Ann Mills, Fay Ells, Rosanne Kinsey and Janice Wittie, all of St. Joe, Mary Jane Snook and Kate Clady, both of Garrett, Shirley Chapman of Butler, Claudia Hulbert of Auburn, and Linda Sattison of Hamilton; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kay Ells; and three brothers, Franklin, Harry Jr., and Maurice.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Erving Vendrely

SPENCERVILLE — Erving R. Vendrely, 93, died Monday evening in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

William Bellamy

AUBURN — William "Bill" E. Bellamy, 76, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Bellamy

Mr. Bellamy worked as a sales manager for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn for 38 years and for Ben Davis Chevrolet for six years before retiring in 1989. He also was the DeKalb County assessor for eight years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Bellamy was the former commander of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born April 5, 1926, in Maysville, Ky., to Raymond and Florence (Clark) Bellamy. They preceded him in death.

He married Nondas M. Hardenbrook on June 4, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Candace and Nathan Awuah-Korang of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Duard and Grace Bellamy of Butler, and Gene and Maureen Bellamy of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Thurlow Hay of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Dorsey Bellamy.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Auburn Alliance Church, with the Rev. Dave Schleh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with graveside services by the American Legion.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Benevolent Fund in care of the Auburn Alliance Church and American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jeremy Hoffman

CHURUBUSCO — Jeremy Hoffman, 23, of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died at 12:19 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an automobile accident Saturday in northwestern Allen County.

Mr. Hoffman

He was a journeyman electrician for Henry Electric Inc. in Fort Wayne for the past 4 1/2 years. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born Aug. 23, 1979, in Kendallville to Sherri Hoffman and Alden Ray McClure. He lived most of his life in Noble County and graduated from East Noble High School in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Austin Ray Hoffman of Kendallville; a daughter, Peyton Ryan Gaff Hoffman of Churubusco; his mother and stepfather, Sherri and Noel Gaff of Churubusco; his father, Alden Ray McClure of Auburn; four sisters, Tinly Hoffman of Fort Wayne, Candace Simons-Gaff, Casey Simons-Gaff and Noelle Gaff, all of Churubusco; a brother, Hunter Gaff of Churubusco; two stepsisters, Shane Miller of Huntertown and Stacy Simons of Churubusco; his grandmother, Betty Lawson of Auburn; and his stepgrandparents, Monte and Nancy Gaff of Churubusco; and his stepgreat-grandparents, Robert and Nada Gaff of Merriam.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cassie Simons, on June 29, 1988.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Jerry Lowery of Eel River Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

Tues. Nov. 5, 2002 (Con)

Area Deaths

Charles Rhodes

LIGONIER — Charles M. "Max" Rhodes, 67, died at 7:34 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He had lived in the Ligonier area since moving from Ohio in 1983. He had been a lathe operator at Dana Spicer Axle. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier. He was an avid Cleveland Browns and Indians fan. He enjoyed NASCAR races and collecting baseball cards.

He was born Aug. 14, 1935, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Joe and Julia Margaret (McComas) Rhodes.

He married Rose M. Carr on April 25, 1953, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Charles Max Rhodes Jr. of Lima, Ohio, Jamie Lynn and Lisa Rhodes of Swanton, Ohio, and George Alan Rhodes of Ligonier; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie Marie and Tim Wort of Ligonier, Joni Charlene Rhodes of Antwerp, Ohio, Lori Lee and Mike Foltz of Paulding, Ohio, and Terry Jean Six of Ligonier; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Floetta Rhodes of Avilla; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Margaret and Virgil Terrill of Hicksville, Bettie Kurtman of Auburn and Maxine Olds of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James; and a sister, Luella Strock.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

FORT WAYNE — **Ralph H. Bentz**, 86, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Janiya Amari Easley**, 22 months, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia J. Goldstone**, 58, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling today from 4 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Marceena K. Lemaster**, 50, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Scott A. Louks**, 47, died Sunday in Indianapolis. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Singleton & Herr Mortuary, Indianapolis, with calling Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Judith "Judy" McCoy**, 62, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday at her home in Milwaukee. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Constance Marie Wilkinson**, 55, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Hollywood, Fla. Memorial services Wednesday at Calvary Chapel Church, Fort Lauderdale. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Rebecca Sue Rerick**, 87, died Saturday at Canterbury Nursing and Health Care Center. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Jean M. Riggs**, 82, died Sunday at St. Anne Home. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marvin L. Stieglitz**, 72, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Leo Apostolic Church, Leo-Cedarville, with calling at the church today from 6 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **William J. Burgess**, 80, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 5 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services.

NEW HAVEN — **Marie J. Doehrman**, 93, died Sunday at Lutheran Home, Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, with calling Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Annelore Watters**, 74, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

Deaths & Funerals

Wed. Nov. 6, 2002

Erving Vendrely

SPENCERVILLE — Erving Roy Vendrely, 93, died Monday evening, Nov. 4, 2002, at Woodview Heathcare in Fort Wayne.

A self-employed builder and contractor, he retired as superintendent of construction for East Allen County Schools.

He lived in Spencerville most of his life, but moved to Fort Wayne to live with his daughter, Nancy, after his wife died.

He was born Sept. 24, 1909, in Payne, Ohio, to Delbert and Lillian (White) Vendrely.

He married Dorothy Mae Hursh on Dec. 17, 1932, in Auburn. She died April 13, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Bud Vendrely of Spencerville; a daughter, Nancy Vendrely of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a sister, Naonto Sylvester of Park Rapids, Minn.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wallace and Ernest Vendrely, and a sister, Iris Fisher.

Private family services will be held Saturday. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery in Leo.

Calling is Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department.

Jeffrey Stahl

CORUNNA — Jeffrey R. Stahl, 38, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at his Corunna residence.

Mr. Stahl formerly worked at Frick Lumber in Brimfied as a truck driver for six years.

He was a member of the Kendallville Eagles.

He was born July 19, 1964, in Auburn.

Surviving are a sister, Suzanne M. Mosley of Corunna; a half-brother, Tim Stahl of Coldwater, Mich; two half-sisters, Corrine Bender of Coldwater, Mich., and Debbie Stahl of Arizona; and two uncles, Steve Leins of Corunna and Artie Collins of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

John Hostetler

HOWE — John Beatty Hostetler, 86, of Howe, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Howe was the owner of the Blue Plaza and Silver Moon skating rinks in Sturgis and Waterloo, and was a pilot for 54 years. He lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of Sturgis American Legion Post 73 and John Kelley Post 1355 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sturgis.

He was a member and former elder and trustee of Lima Presbyterian Church, a member of OX5 Aviation Pioneers, the Wingdingers Model Aircraft Club and the Sturgis Kiwanis Club.

He was born April 10, 1916, in LaGrange County, to Abraham L. and Winnie Bell (Beaty) Hostetler. On Oct. 26, 1940, in Jonesboro, Ark., he married Cleo M. Swartzentruber, and she survives in Howe.

A sister, Lolita Saunders Cantrell, preceded him in death.

Military graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana, with Dr. Terry Timson officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the church or an organization of the donor's choice. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LOUISBURG, N.C. —**Mary Louise McConnell King**, 85, formerly of Rome City, died Thursday in Britthaven of Louisburg. Graveside services were held Sunday at Oakwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Gene Cobb officiating.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas E. Kump**, 66, died Monday at home. Services are Thursday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling is today from 5 to 9 p.m. and four hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Herbert Beltz Jr.**, 64, died Monday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Alexandra Fey**, 6, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, St. Joe Road, with calling Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Juanita R. Jacquay**, 95, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 16 at Glencore Nursing Pavilion, Panama City, Fla. Graveside services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Elisha Jones**, 79, died Monday at Heritage Manor. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Turner Chapel AME Church, with calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Micheaux Funeral Home.

Edith Rink

AUBURN — Edith Artense Rink, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at 2:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She retired in 1982 from her employment with the Burlington Railroad.

She was born Aug. 13, 1916, in Hudsonville, Ill., to Arthur and Edith (Rink) Woolverton.

She married John R. Rink on Aug. 3, 1944. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Rory Rink of Darien, Ill.; a daughter, Cory Gerhart of Angola; two sisters, Martha and Vada; four grandchildren, Ryan Gerhart, Jeff Gerhart (and his wife, Abby), Jonathon Rink and Ashley Rink; and one great-grandchild, Chloe Gerhart.

Services will be held this weekend at Westmont Funeral Chapel, 39 N. Cass Ave., Westmont, Ill.

Burial will be in Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Myrtle Noragon

AUBURN — Myrtle R. Noragon, 89, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at 7:10 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Noragon was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 10, 1912, in Bryant, S.D., to Gunner and Anna Marie (Rosel) Larson.

She married Roy A. Johnson on Dec. 30, 1932. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Verlyn Johnson of Ashley, and Orville W. and V. Ann Johnson of Auburn; a daughter, Shirley Behm of Auburn; a brother, Helmer Johnson of Watertown, S.D.; four sisters, Irene Wess and Elsie Miller, both of Watertown, S.D., Dorothy Holdol of Everett, Wash., and Gladys DeBerg of Caldwell, Idaho; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frances Larson, and a sister, Edna Johnson.

Graveside services will be held in Mount Hope Cemetery at Watertown, S.D. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths & Funerals

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2002

Freda Lawson

KENDALLVILLE — Freda Lawson, 53, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at her home.

Lawson

She was born Sept. 24, 1949, in Garrett, Ky., to Curtis and Martha (Coburn) Sells.

She married Bill Lawson on Jan. 3, 1990, in Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Martha Sells of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Darell Ramey of Garrett, Ind.; three brothers, Bill Mosley and Norman Sells, both of Kendallville, and Herman Sells of Rome City; five sisters, Velma Lorraine Thompson of Corpus Christi, Texas, Alice Hall of Georgetown, Ky., Zeda Hoover and Myrie Trueblood, both of Kendallville, and Lucretta Duncan of Hueysville, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Curtis Sells; and one brother, Marvin Ray Sells.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is at the church today after 5 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m., and Friday all day with a service at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Mary "Alice" Caudill**, 85, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are Friday at noon in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Calling is Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Lodema Bell Smith**, 86, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill. Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at South Milford Cemetery, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. No calling.

LIGONIER — **Glenora J. Widdifield**, 89, died Tuesday at Oak Leaf Village Nursing Home. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Carol M. Bundza**, 84, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. Graveside services Saturday at 2 p.m. in North Olmstead, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Emma Zue Ingram**, 78, died Wednesday in Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Scheffknecht**, 57, died Oct. 31. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. in Corpus Christi, Texas.

FORT WAYNE — **Lela A. Wyneken**, 93, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sept. 25, in Waterford, Conn. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Concordia Cemetery Gardens Chapel, Lake Avenue.

Judith Marsh

AUBURN — Judith A. Marsh, 59, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at 5:43 p.m., in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Marsh was a homemaker. She served as as chairman of the board of Garrett Industries from 1977 to 1987. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1961 and attended Hillsdale College in Michigan from 1961 to 1963.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, Bridgewater Golf Club and the Greenhurst Ladies Association, a member and past president of Habanera Club, and a past chairman of the Tri Kappa Antique Show.

She was born July 2, 1943, in Toledo, Ohio, to Bruce and Bea (Royer) Herbolsheimer. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Doug Marsh on Aug. 10, 1963, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Mel Waldron of Auburn; a son, Jeffrey Marsh of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Nicholas Waldron and Grant Marsh.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, with Rev. Steve Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb County United Way or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Helen Carpenter

BUTLER — Helen G. Carpenter, 92, of Butler, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at 11:25 p.m. in Heritage Park Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carpenter had served as matron at the DeKalb County Jail from 1947 to 1959. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler, and was a 50-year member of the Forest Chapter 44 Order of the Eastern Star and a 50-year-member of the Hamilton Pythian Sisters.

She was born Feb. 24, 1910, in Butler to Luther L. and Essie (Wagner) Bryan.

On Sept. 1, 1928, she married Frank E. Carpenter, who served as a DeKalb County sheriff. He died Jan. 6, 1975.

Surviving are two nephews, Dennis Kepler of Auburn and Donner Kepler of Chicago; a niece, Victoria Burdon of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Trumbull.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m., in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

Eileen Simons

ANGOLA — Eileen J. Simons, 86, of Angola, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Simons lived in Angola for six years after moving from Ashley. She also lived in Fairfield Center in DeKalb County. She was a member of the Fairfield Homemakers Friendship Club.

She was born in Allen County on Jan. 4, 1916, the daughter of Paul L. and Wanda A. (Blech) Landis.

She married Lloyd Simons on June 4, 1932, in LaOtto. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Ginnie of Pleasant Lake and James and Lynn of Angola; a half-brother, Wayne Orwig of Columbus, Ohio; three-half sisters, Eleanor Conrad and Ruth Richter, both of rural Ashley, and Troas Edwards of Sun River, Ore.; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandhildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Lloyd C. "Buddy" and Lynn E.; two grandsons, Thomas H. and Darrell R.; a sister, Leora P. Perkins; and a half-brother, Vic Orwig.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. Graveside services will follow at Fairfield Cemetery, with Mrs. Simons' granddaughter, Jill Simons-Willman, conducting the services.

Memories are to the Spirit of Community Fund with the Steuben County Community Foundation, 207 S. Wayne St., Angola IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Elfriede Hughes

HUDSON — Elfriede H. Hughes, 65, Hudson, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Hughes was born on Nov. 30, 1936, in Garnovillo, Iowa, to Rudolph and Betty Marie (Wulf) Stegelmann. She worked in the Steuben County Treasurer's Office and also at the family farm.

She married John W. Hughes on Aug. 26, 1956, in Clear Lake Lutheran Church. Mr. Hughes was elected to a sixth term on the Steuben County Council on Tuesday. He survives.

Mrs. Hughes was a member and past treasurer of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church, a member of the Salem Center Home Extension Club, the Skirts and Shirts Dance Club of Auburn and the Magic Squares Dance Club of Angola. She was a member of the last graduating class at Scott Center High School in 1955.

She is also survived by a son and daughter in law, John Alan and Jill of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son in law, Ruth and Ted Beer, Pleasant Lake; a brother, Rudy Stegelmann, Goshen; a sister, Maleen Smith, Angola; two grandchildren, Stacy and Brent Beer; and four step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Marie Hughes, in 1974, and a sister and brother.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Circle Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Friday, Nov. 8, 2002 (Con)

Area Deaths

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Robert Shuff

AUBURN — Robert H. Shuff, 73, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Shuff was a police officer for the Auburn Police Department for 25 years before retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He also worked as a driver for Garns Candy Co. for 11 years and as a security guard at Rieke Corp. for two years.

Mr. Shuff was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

He was born March 5, 1929, in DeKalb County to Harry Ellsworth Shuff and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Betty Boren on Nov. 23, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Alan Shuff and Signa Shuff of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Donald Kennedy of Auburn; three brothers, Chalmer Shuff of Phoenix, Ariz., James Shuff of Garrett and William Shuff of Fontania, Calif.; 10 sisters, Jackie Walker, Jo Ann Mills, Fay Ells, Rosanne Kinsey and Janice Wittie, all of St. Joe, Mary Jane Snook and Kate Clady, both of Garrett, Shirley Chapman of Butler, Claudia Hulbert of Auburn, and Linda Sattison of Hamilton; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kay Ells; and three brothers, Franklin, Harry Jr., and Maurice.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

HUNTERTOWN — **Clifford "Chuck" Branham Jr.**, 53, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Orrilla M. Chartrand**, 93, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Graveside services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. No calling.

PENNVILLE — **Ronald O. Barcus**, 60, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, following a stroke at home. Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, with Pastors Bob Sutton and H.R. Burkett officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Frances N. Stump**, 72, died Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco, with Bud Preston officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

CRESTVIEW, Fla. — **Leonard A. Willsey**, 71, formerly of Ligonier, died Oct. 14, 2002 in Florida. Funeral services were held Oct. 18 at the Airport Road Church of Christ in Crestview, with the Revs. Trey Pool and Roger Deal officiating.

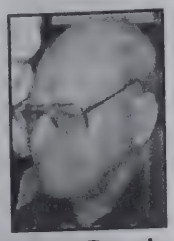
FORT WAYNE — **Paula J. Katt Dickmeyer**, 77, died Wednesday at home. Memorial services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Aboite Lutheran Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Oren L. Fouts**, 90, died Wednesday at Towne House Health Center. Memorial services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntington, with calling Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

Carl McDougle

ANGOLA — Carl L. McDougle, 87, Angola, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked in maintenance for the Indiana Toll Road, at McDonald's restaurant for 10 years and also as farmer. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Angola.


Mr. McDougle

He was born May 7, 1915, in Defiance, Ohio, to Marion and Mary (Broach) McDougle. On April 29, 1961, he married Betty M. Shock, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Marten of Girard, Mich., and Leah Williams of Auburn; three sisters, Ethel Calvin of Florida and Bertha McDougle and Hazel Walker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

His first wife, Blanche, preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1954. A grandson and two sisters are also deceased.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Ray Alexander officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m.

Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to the family.

Emery Slone

AUBURN — Emery Slone, 51, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at 5 p.m. in his home in Auburn.

Mr. Slone worked at Essex International of Auburn for 18 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

He was born Dec. 18, 1950, in Hollybush, Ky., to Garland and Louhettie (Slone) Slone. He was preceded in death by his father.

He was married on Feb. 12, 1971, to Marguerite (Marks) Slone in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Louhettie Slone of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, James "Jim" and Lisa Slone of Bedford; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Birchel and Norma Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone of Auburn, Theadorie and Karen Slone of Waterloo, Barney and Amy Slone of Garrett; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bertha and Rulon Daley of Garrett, Nola and Herschel Moore of Garrett, Ky., Nancy and Bob Vanderpool of Auburn; and a grandchild, Tanner Reece Slone.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambough and the Rev. Paul Stone officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kathryn Klerner

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn Elizabeth "Katie" Klerner, 32, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., and a life-long resident of Fort Wayne, she was employed with Insurance and Risk Management and was an area representative with Princess House. She was also a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles A. of Fort Wayne; a son, Joshua, at home; a daughter, Samantha, at home; her father, Robert Gaff of Indianapolis; her mother, Donna Lefevra of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Bob Gaff of Kokomo and Scott Goodwin of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Michelle Gaff and Amy Goodwin, both of Fort Wayne; and grandmothers, Joan Gaff of Alamo, Texas, and Margaret H. Waikel of Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., with calling one hour prior to the Mass.

Calling will also be held at from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Klerner Children's Education Fund.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Annette Swank**, 65, died at 11:20 p.m. Thursday. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m at the funeral home.

Deaths & Funerals

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002

Frances Medler

BUTLER — Frances Mae "Tommie" Medler, 70, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at 8:49 a.m. at the home of her daughter in Garrett.

Mrs. Medler was retired from Halex Corp. in Hamilton, where she was a lead supervisor in assembly for 13 years. She also owned and operated the Pizza King in Butler from 1978 to 1989.

She graduated from Hartford City High School in 1950. She lived in Hartford City until 1966, when she moved to Kalamazoo, Mich. After her husband died in 1968, she moved to Auburn. She then moved to Butler in 1980 and lived there for 22 years.

She was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Pennville, Blackford County, Ind. Her father, Virgil Francis Oswalt Sr., died in 1976. Her mother, Goldia (Melick) Starr died earlier this year.

She married Frederick E. "Fred" Medler on Jan. 28, 1950, in Hartford City. He died March 11, 1968.

Surviving are two daughters, Jo Eileen Meskil of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Paula Kay Harter of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, C. Fred and Marsha Medler of Portland, Ind., and Mark E. Medler of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, Tony, Juan and Branden Ruelas, Tracy Harter Kirkpatrick, Dave and Rob Harter, Laura Collins and Lindsey Medler; 11 great-grandchildren, Ciera, Pedro, Frannie, Skyler, Maya and Taya Ruelas, Tristan, Camee and Karaghan Kirkpatrick and Kobe and Ethan Harter; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Cecil "Bud" and Patty Oswalt of Montpelier, Ind., and Wilford "Buster" and Marilyn Oswalt of Muncie; a half-brother and his wife, Phillip and Winnie Oswalt of Gas City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Clyde "Bus" Rogers of Pennville and Shirley and Charles Bole of Hartford City; a half-sister, Carol Lea Reed of Plant City, Fla.; and two sisters-in-law, Patricia Lee "Pat" Oswalt and Betty May Oswalt, both of Hartford City.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Anna Louise Medler, who was stillborn as an infant in 1959, and three brothers, Dorwin E. Oswalt, Virgil Francis Oswalt Jr. and Bennie Lee Oswalt, who died as an infant, and a sister, Sally DuBois.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Calling is Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Following cremation, cremains will be interred at the Hartford City Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Frisch

AUBURN — Ruth E. Frisch, 97, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Frisch was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Ind.

She was born Oct. 24, 1905, in Mulvane, Kan., to George and Annie (Storey) Plant.

She married Victor H. Frisch on Oct. 31, 1925. He died Jan. 4, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Rawlings and Gretchen Brown, both of Auburn, and one son, David Frisch of Syracuse, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dana Grigsby; a brother, George Plant; and a sister, Myrtle Maun.

Private services will be held Wednesday at the Earlham Memorial Mausoleum in Richmond. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marilyn Burdick

BUTLER — Marilyn J. Burdick, 65, of Butler, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002 in her home.

She was a clerk at Yancy's Marathon for eight years.

She was born Nov. 20, 1936 in Harlan, Ind.

On Oct. 19, 1957, she married Don Burdick in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Wilma Marks

AUBURN — Wilma M. Marks, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker and a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

She was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Joseph W. and Lulu L. (Alexander) Gerig.

She married Kenneth W. Marks on June 12, 1943. He died Aug. 28, 2001.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Eugene K. and Colette Marks of Auburn, Thomas L. and Bonnie Marks of Kendallville, Ronald J. Marks of Auburn, Jon J. and Loretta Marks of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Joseph W. and Helen Marks of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Joe Gerig of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and nine grandchildren.

A sister, Carol Whittington, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God. The Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Norma Stanger

KIMMELL — Norma Carter Stanger, 69, of Kimmell and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, in Fort Myers, Fla., from complications following a surgery.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Stanger; and two sons, Kenneth and Nicholas Stanger.

Arrangements are pending with the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

Owen Knauss

FREMONT — Owen E. Knauss, 91, of Fremont, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Hillsdale Community Hospital, Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. Knauss was born April 20, 1911 in Kinderhook, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002 (Con)

Maltha Burk

COLUMBIA CITY — Maltha K. Burk, 81, of rural Columbia City, died at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, 2002 at her residence. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past week.

Ms. Burk spent her formative years in Noble County and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939. The early years of her adult life were spent in Noble County until moving to her present home in 1969.

She was an employee of General Electric in Fort Wayne for 40 years until she retired in 1985. She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for over 40 years. She was a member of the General Electric Quarter Century Club and the General Electric ELEX Club. She also served as a board member for the Jennie Thompson Foundation in Ligonier for several years. She enjoyed dogs and cats, quilting and gardening.

She was born on May 25, 1921 in Wolcottville to Earl E. and Hazel M. (Roach) Burk. Both parent preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie C. and Paul Spoerke of Columbia City; three grandsons, Rex Coverstone and his fiancé, Angela Green, of Columbia City, Jeffrey and Robin Coverstone of Columbia City, and Dennis Coverstone of Fort Wayne; four great grandchildren, Amber Coverstone, Melissa Coverstone, Kevin Coverstone and Jason Coverstone; and three step-grandchildren, Diana Hupe, Keith Leas and Cody Sunday.

Preceding her in death are one brother, Robert Burk, and three sisters, May Burk, Fay Burk and Mildred Weaver.

Private family services were held today at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Reverend Lee Aumsbaugh officiated.

A private burial will take place Monday morning at the Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials to Whitley County Humane Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Harold France

GARRETT — Harold Lee France Sr., 45, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at 1:45 a.m. at his home in Garrett.

Mr. France was a construction worker.

He was born Dec. 18, 1956, in Harlan, Ky., to Ardill and Joyce (Partin) France. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Louellen New on Aug. 30, 1975, in Clintwood, Va. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Lee France of Fort Wayne and Harold Roger France of Garrett; a daughter, Angela France of Garrett; two brothers, Arvil France of Cortez, Fla., and Kenny France of Corbin, Ky.; two sisters, Joy Belcher of Stoney Park, Ky., and Fay Partin of Williamsburg, Ky.; and a granddaughter, Gabrielle France.

A brother, Francis France, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lane Andrews and the Rev. Herstil Belcher will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Stroh

FREMONT — Mildred Ruth Stroh, 87, of Fremont, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She retired in 1985 from First National Bank of Fremont. During her many years at the bank she was a teller, secretary and managed the insurance department. She also formerly worked at The Farm Bureau in Angola.

She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont Merry Mixers Club and Order of Eastern Star #229 in Ashley. She was a volunteer at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. Her hobbies included traveling, crafting, sewing, gardening and baking.

She was born Sept. 7, 1915, in Ashley to Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Sandy Johnson of Kirby, W.Va., and Jack and Janet Butler of Ganesvoort, N.Y.; one granddaughter, Erin and Stuart Douglass; one sister, Mary Strawser of Rome City; and two brothers, James Butler of Angola and Richard Butler of Springfield, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were one sister, Jean Sanders, and one brother, Ralph Butler.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The Reverend Greg Rittenhouse will officiate.

Burial will be at Block Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Parkinson's Disease Association.

LeRoy May

ANGOLA — LeRoy Joseph May, 75, of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, in the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. May was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked as a mechanic at the Holiday Inn and Pokagon State Park until he retired in 1990. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born Aug. 4, 1927, to LeRoy and Elizabeth (Welsch) May in Chicago. Both parents preceded him in death.

On Apr. 24, 1958, he married Jane (Morrasy) May. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are one son, Thomas McLaughlin of Tinley Park, Ill.; two daughters, Patricia Mobley of Valparaiso and Catherine Stewart of Minooka, Ill; one brother, Donald May of Chicago; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. Monday.

Services are 4 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate.

Mon, Nov. 11, 2002 (Con)

Edith Payton

AUBURN — Edith Payton, 66, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 29, 1936, in Floyd County, near Garrett, Ky., to Crit and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe.

Surviving are two sons, Wayne Payton of LaGrange and Charles Payton of Kentucky; one brother, Garman Handshoe of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Glenna Johnson and Dorothy Conley, both of LaOtto, Antha Bailey of Garrett, Delphia Miller of Brimfield and Ruth Bailey of Montgomery, Mich.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were one sister, Julie Moore, and three brothers, Pard, Garnel and Arnold Handshoe.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Wilma Marks

AUBURN — Wilma M. Marks, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker and a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

She was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Joseph W. and Lulu L. (Alexander) Gerig.

She married Kenneth W. Marks on June 12, 1943. He died Aug. 28, 2001.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Eugene K. and Colette Marks of Auburn, Thomas L. and Bonnie Marks of Kendallville, Ronald J. Marks of Auburn, Jon J. and Loretta Marks of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Joseph W. and Helen Marks of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Joe Gerig of Auburn; a sister, Thelma Daly of Ocala, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A sister, Carol Whittington, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God. The Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Roscoe D. Parrish**, 82, died Saturday at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola. Graveside military services by American Legion Post 31 will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County. No calling.

LIGONIER — **Dorothy S. Frey**, 65, died Sunday at her son's home in Goshen. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse. Calling is Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

KIMMELL — **Norma Carter Stanger**, 69, died Friday at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla., due to complications following surgery. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligoner. Calling is Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Loretta M. Cooke**, 69, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Louisa F. Johnson**, 93, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Nov. 2 in Brenham, Texas. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul F. Meyer**, 82, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna Schneider**, 92, died Sunday at The Town House. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Shoaff Park Baptist Church, with calling Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and two hours before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Margueretta Wince**, 89, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. No services or calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Lynda D. Miller**, 51, died Saturday at University Park. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Deaths & Funerals

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002

Marilyn Burdick

BUTLER — Marilyn J. Burdick, 65, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at her home in Butler.

Mrs. Burdick had worked as a clerk at Yancy's Marathon for eight years. She was a member of Butler United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Burdick

She was born Nov. 20, 1936, in Harlan to George and Grace (Ginder) Keller. Her parents preceded her in death.

Her husband, Don Burdick, survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Brian and Kim Burdick of Leo and Bruce and Ann Burdick of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Beth Fl
eming of Decatur; three sisters, Ruth Coburn of St. Joe, June Kurtz of Harlan and Lois Scheele of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Josh Heaston of Fort Wayne, Josh, Jason and Jeremy Burdick of Leo and Kelsey and Sherice Fleming of Decatur.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Butler United Methodist Church. Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church or Parkview Hospice.

Mary Perkins

GARRETT — Mary M. Perkins, 67, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at 10:58 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked as an assembler at Electric Motors in Garrett for 15 years. She had lived in the Garrett area for 45 years and lived in Avilla for the past two months.

Mrs. Perkins

She was born May 13, 1935, in Greer, S.C., to Carl R. and Elsie (Gosnell) Pittman. Her father survives in Greer, S.C., and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Morris E. Perkins on June 3, 1955, in Taylor, S.C., and he survives in Avilla. They later divorced.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kay Lafevor of Avilla and April Perkins of Auburn; two brothers, Carl R. Pittman Jr. of Greer, S.C., and Troy Pittman of Lyman, S.C.; a sister, Grace Pruett of Inman, S.C.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Brad Buhro officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Lynette Cook

AUBURN — A memorial service for Lynette R. Cook will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at DeKalb Middle School.

Mrs. Cook, 53, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. at her home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and one of the original organizers of the Music Mentors program at DeKalb High School.

She was born April 1, 1949, in Valparaiso to Rex W. and Rosemary (Jacobs) Moore. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Tom Cook on Sept. 27, 1969, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Rex Thomas Cook of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Tessa Lyn Cook, a student in Bloomington; and two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kristie and Eddie Marks of Madisonville, Ky., and Lori and Tony Heidrich of Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Music Mentors program at DeKalb High School.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Lorene Feighner

GARRETT — Lorene Feighner, 68, of Garrett, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Feighner retired in 1995 after 15 years of service at General Electric in the small motors production line.

She was born Oct. 20, 1934, in Hazard, Ky. to B. and Georgia Banks. They preceded her in death.

Her husband Guy D. Feighner, died in 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Danny ane Nancy Trent of Garrett; two brothers, J.C. Banks of Auburn and R.V. Banks of Wolcottville; three sisters, Shirley Hunter of Fort Wayne, Irene Johnson of Jackson, Ky., and Helen Terry of Avilla; and one grandson.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Alvis and Stanley Banks and four sisters, Violet Terry, Opal Fugate, Nanny Maloney and Georgie Brock.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery at Roanoke.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Ministries of Garrett.

John Wentland

GARRETT — John J. Wentland, 87, of Garrett, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at 6:04 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Wentland worked as a conductor on the Norfolk and Western Railroad for 40 years before retiring in 1977. He was a member of Lakewood Park Church and had resided in Garrett for 56 years.

He was born Nov. 11, 1914, in Knox to William and Freida Maude (Crum) Wentland.

He married Joan Faor on May 9, 1939, in Fort Wayne. She died December 1979.

Surviving are his second wife, Mildred Wentland of Garrett; a son, Charles Wentland of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Glenda Dills of Garrett; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Cave.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Wayne E. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

William Bender

AUBURN — William J. Bender, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at his Auburn residence.

Mr. Bender

Mr. Bender was a farmer and landscape service owner before retiring in in 1985. He served as Cedar Creek Township trustee.

He was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church and a charter member of Leo American Legion Post 409. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division.

An avid hunter and woodcarver, he was a member of the National Woodcarvers Association.

He was born May 3, 1918, in Allen County, and graduated from Leo High School in 1936.

His wife, Erlena Hockemeyer, preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Lynn C. Bender of Hilton Head, S.C., Richard W. Bender of Valparaiso and Barry L. Bender of Auburn; a daughter, Ireta J. Kramer of Lafayette; a sister, Lorraine Ehle of Woodburn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Levon and Everett "Max" Bender.

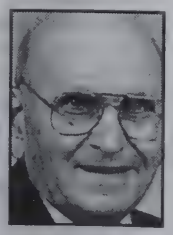
Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Leo United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Leo United Methodist Church Building Fund and Lakewood Park Christian School.

Lester Brown

AUBURN — Lester Edward Brown, 88, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.


Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown was a farmer and self-employed excavator. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 12, 1914, in Wing, Ill, to Frederick and Mary (Kamrath) Brown.

He married Ruth B. (Harvey) Brown on Dec. 1, 1935, in Fairbury, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Duane Brown of Columbia City, Ronald Brown of South Whitley, Danny Brown of Auburn and David Brown of Butler; two daughters, Alyce Uguccioni of Brooklyn, Mich., and Diane Brown of Houston, Texas; 18 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by two sons, Dale and Dean Brown; a grandson, Douglas Brown; three sisters, Carrie Miller, Sophia Schott and Edna Bammann; and a brother, Clarence Brown.

Services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Kraus officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Terry Budd

ROME CITY — Terry Lee Budd, 50, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at his home in Rome City.

Mr. Budd worked in maintenance for Crager Transportation.

He was born Nov. 12, 1951, in Plymouth, to Quinby and Nedra (Reiger) Budd. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Pleasant Lake.

He married Mirta (Johnston) Budd on June 29, 1984, at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepsons, Melvin Stayner Jr. of Angola and Chad Stayner of Waterloo; two daughters, Brandi Budd of Auburn and Tara Hassett of Fremont; a brother, Jeff Budd of Tampa, Fla.; three sisters, Laura Chambers of Pleasant Lake, Melody Davenport of LaGrange and Lindell Adwell of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dustin Tink

FREMONT — Dustin Robert Garrett Tink, 17, of Fremont, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at his home.

He was born Feb. 10, 1985, in Kendallville, the son of Daniel A. Tink of Fremont and Deborah L. Downey of Bourbon. Both survive.

He was an employee of the McDonald's store at the Indiana Toll Road travel plaza near Fremont. He was a junior at Fremont High School and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He also is survived by a stepmother, Connie L. Lee, Fremont; a grandmother, Naomi Robinson, Salem Center; a grandfather, Daniel Tink, Mason, Mich.; eight sisters, Stephanie Ann Tink of Elkhart, Danielle Rose Tink of Ashley, Desarai Elaine Tink Tarlton of Tennessee, Dakota Cheyenne Wicker of Bourbon, and Patricia Ann Tink, Sabrina Lee Tink, Sandra Kay Lee and Rachael Marie Neely, all of Fremont; five brothers, Joseph O. Tink of Elkhart, Brandon Alan Tink of Edmore, Mich., Allen Lynn Tink of Fremont, Derik Richard Tarlton of Tennessee, and Dustin Lynn Davis of Fremont; and an aunt and uncle, Lonnie and Lori Davis, Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Robert Garrett and Delorse Jean Downey; and his paternal stepgrandfather, Henry Lee Robinson.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Tues, Nov. 12, 2002 (con)

Van Buren Perrine

FORT WAYNE — Van Buren Perrine, 86, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was a self-employed salesman, retiring in 1982, and a World War II Army veteran.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

His wife, Audrey Doreen, died in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Vanette Dylan of Wolcottville and Ruth Orr of Columbia City; five sons, Michael of Littleton, Colo., Richard of Seabrook Island, S.C., Van of Live Oak, Fla., Scott of Wolcottville and Kirk of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Peggy Fredrick Conover of Cranford, N.J.

Private graveside services will be held at Lindenwood Cemetery at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel is handling arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Beulah Rosetta Strouse**, 89, died Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Ivalou Warren**, 78, died Saturday at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, after suffering a heart attack. Services are Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., with an OES service at 7:45 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

ALBION — **Gloria Ann Portmess**, 68, died Monday at her home. Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, with Pastors Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen McIluaigh Adams**, 95, died Saturday at Woodview Health Care Center. Private services in Fort Smith, Ark.

FORT WAYNE —**Master Sgt. Irving F. Dickerson**, 80, died Oct. 19 in Henderson, Nev. Memorial services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Turner Chapel AME Church, with American Legion Post 148, V.F.W. Post 8417, and St. Mary's Lodge 14 participating.

FORT WAYNE — **Joan M. Fisher**, 73, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday at her sister's home in Spring Lake, Mich. Private graveside services at Riverview Cemetery, South Bend. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **M. Barbara Frankhouser**, 78, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Memorial services Friday at noon at Trinity English Lutheran Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Herbert O. Haneline**, 73, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mattie Johnson**, 90, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Nov. 5 at Cleveland Nursing Center. Services today at E.F. Boyd & Son Mortuary, Cleveland.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeannette M. Kiger**, 87, died Sunday at Life Care Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy E. Leggett**, 91, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerry Nommay**, 63, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday at his home in LaMirada, Calif. Memorial services in California on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. at Hillcrest Congregational Church, LaHabra Heights.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles Dean Sloan**, 58, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Pella Regional Health Center, Monroe, Iowa. Services today at 10:30 a.m. at Monroe United Methodist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Lydia Stoll**, 81, died Sunday at Daviess Community Hospital, Washington. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church, Montgomery, with calling today from 2 to 9 p.m. at the church and beginning at 9 a.m. at the church the day of services.

FORT WAYNE — **Walter C. Stroup**, 88, of Sturgis, Mich., died Sunday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Naomi M. Vernon**, 85, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services today at 11:30 a.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. No calling.

George Cumings

ANGOLA — George Allen Cumings, 33, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Cumings was a maintenance worker for McDonald's on the Indiana Toll Road and lived in Angola for two years after moving from Ottumwa, Iowa.

He was born Sept. 8, 1969, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., to George W. and Norma Gail (Holland) Cumings. His father and stepmother, Ardith Cumings, survive in Angola.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles William of Iowa and Dorrell James Monroe of Pleasant Lake; a stepbrother, Jason Holsinger of Hamilton; a sister, Rebekah Jean Cumings of Iowa; and a stepsister, Mabelle Jean Eich of Woodburn.

His mother preceded him in death in 1982, and a brother, Arthur John Joseph, and a sister, Cheryl Lynn Cumings, are also deceased.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the family or the Diabetes Association.

Todd Fayler

BRISTOL, Va. — Todd C. Fayler, 33, of Bristol, Va., died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

He was born in Auburn and had lived in Bristol since 1991. He was an employee of Dana Corp., a den leader for Cub Scout Pack No. 21, and a member of St. Anne's Catholic Chruch.

Surviving are his wife, Kristie Hawk Fayler; four sons, Wes, Alex, Jacob and Cooper, all at home; his parents, Donald and Marsha Fayler of Bristol; a sister and brother-in-law, Tanya and Steven Burros of Coral Springs, Fla.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Workman of Lady Lake, Fla.; his in-laws, Roger and Janet Hawk of Bristol; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and a nephew.

Services were held Friday, Nov. 8, at St. Anne's Catholic Church with the Rev. Timothy E. Keeney and the Rev. Harry Hall officiating. Burial was on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Memorials are to the Todd Fayler Children's Fund, Twin City Bank, P.O. Box 889, Bristol TN 37621.

Arrangements were by Blevins Funeral Home, Bristol.

Deaths & Funerals

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Dorothy L. Woodworth**, 84, formerly of LaGrange County, died Sunday in West Brookfield, Mass. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange. Calling Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard R. Boutall** died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Private services. Calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Christina L. Sitcler Eix**, 27, died Monday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services Thursday at 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 -4 and 6-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jack H. Fisher**, 86, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 4 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel Pauline Fox**, 74, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret E. Laker**, 96, died Tuesday at Life Care Center. Private services at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, and graveside services at noon Friday at Sunset Cemetery, Danville, Ill.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred Kiel Rice Max**, 86, died Monday at Byron Health Care Center. Graveside services today at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Ralph G. Parke**, 84, died Monday at home. Memorial services Friday at noon at Taylor United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Altimorie Eugene Petrie**, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Markle Health Care. No services. Calling Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Sarah L. Simpson**, 77, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at True Love Baptist Church, with calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Deaths & Funerals

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Dorothy Svoboda

AUBURN — Dorothy V. Svoboda, 75, of Auburn, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born in New York, N.Y., she was an accountant and prepared taxes for 30 years before retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the National Association of Tax Consultants and American Legion Auxiliary Post 97.

Her husband, Frank R. Svoboda, died in 1953.

Surviving are a son, Richard Svoboda of West Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren, Richard Svoboda of Danvers, Mass., Laura Geisel of Attleboro, Mass. and Lisa Hathaway of Xaunton, Mass.; a great-granddaughter, Kayla Maria Hathaway of Xaunton, Mass.; a nephew, Dale Robbins of Bakersfield, Calif.; and a friend, John Michael Colgate.

A sister, Nancy Robbins, preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1997.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Katrina Fry

GARRETT — Katrina Darlene (Forbes) Fry, 30, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in a traffic accident at the corner of County Road 35 and C.R. 34 in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. Fry

She owned and operated the Playtime Palace in Waterloo. She also worked and gave her time at The Skatin' Station in Auburn. She was a lifelong caregiver to children.

She was born July 1, 1972, in Hicksville, Ohio. Her father, Charles William Timmis, preceded her in death. Her mother, Candy (Marshall) May, survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her husband, Wayne Fry; two ex-husbands, Eugene White and Chris Forbes; a stepfather, Gary Lee May of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Alysia Koren Forbes of Waterloo; a brother, Charles William Timmis Jr. of Auburn; four half-brothers, Daniel Hicks of Benedict, N.D., Jesse Hicks of Ashley, Henry Hicks of Cooney, Ohio, and Michael Timmis of Fort Wayne; two half-sisters, Patricia S. Gibson of St. Joe and Sheila Timmis of LaGrange; several nieces and nephews; and her dog, Lady Jane.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children and the DeKalb Christmas Bureau.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Bowling

BEATTYVILLE, Ky. — Helen (Ritchie) Bowling, 43, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at her home of cancer.

She was a homemaker and attended the Baptist Church.

She was born May 2, 1959, in Hindman, Ky., to R.B. Ritchie and Mae (Roberts) Hall. Her parents survive.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert Daniel and Michelle Combs, and two grandchildren, Aysia and Ryan Combs, all of Fisty, Ky.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Denzil and Jodi Ritchie of Irvine, Ky., Boyd and Cathy Ritchie of Kendallville, Daniel and Lisa Ritchie of Beattyville, Ky., and Danny Jr. and Betty Hall of Ashley; three sisters, Lillie S. and John Hall of Beattyville, Marlene Caudill of Rome City and Melody Frane of Kendallville; her former husband, Gary Bowling of Beattyville; her stepmother, Irene Ritchie of Beattyville; her stepfather, Danny Hall fo Kendallville; 16 nieces, 10 nephews and many friends and relatives.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Beattyville, with the Rev. William Owens officiating. Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery, Beattyville.

Calling is today beginning at 5 p.m. at the church.

Booneville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Lyons

ANGOLA — Mary Lyons, 64, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at 1:34 p.m. at her home in Decatur.

A former Angola resident, she had been a cook at the Union 76 Truck Stop, Angola, and the Steuben County Jail.

She was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Pickford, Mich., to William and Pauline (Richardson) Lee.

She was first married to Earl Frazier, who survives in Michigan. Her second husband, John Lyons, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Frazier of Angola and Daniel Frazier of Fremont; a daughter, Debra Allen of Joshua, Texas; two brothers, Dick Lee of Bronson, Mich., and Bill Lee of Butler; three sisters, Waneta Fisher-Walters of Angola, Abbie Myers of Decatur, and Nancy Farque of Helena, Mont.; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Darlene Frazier, and a brother, James Lee.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. The Rev. Kevin Palmer of Lake George Lutheran Chapel will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

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Thurs, Nov. 14, 2002 (con)

Area Deaths

Michael Ferrell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michael Lyn Ferrell Sr., 28, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at 9:38 p.m. in an automobile accident in LaGrange County at 275S — 1150E.

He worked at Fairmount Homes in Nappanee.

Mr. Ferrell

He was born in Kendallville on April 1, 1974, to Robert Ferrell and Connie (Bolen) Messer. They survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Lyn Ferrell Jr. and Kyle Joseph Ferrell, both of Wolcottville, and Austin R. Slone of Auburn; two half-brothers, Walter Joseph Johnson and Roy Johnson, both of Hindman, Ky.; and one half-sister, Rebecca Gibson of Hindman.

One brother, Brian Ferrell, died Oct. 15, 2000.

Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to his children.

Timothy Herron

COLUMBIA CITY — Timothy Franklin Herron, 44, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had worked at Buchanan Ford in Columbia City and Ben Glaser Chevy-Olds-Pontiac, now known as Burnworth-Zollars, in Ligonier as an auto body technician. He was assistant chief and secretary-treasurer of the Richland Township Fire Department.

He was born in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E.; a son, Wesley H. of Columbia City; a daughter, Angela M. of Columbia City; his mother, Carol I. Herron of Columbia City; and three sisters, Cathy Eberley of Ligonier, Lorrie Mahon of Joplin, Mo., and Melanie Gaff of Auburn.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Pierceton. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with a fireman's memorial service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to his children's college fund, the fire department, Larwill Lions Club or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

LAGRANGE — **Marietta J. Caldwell**, 79, formerly of LaGrange, died Thursday at Highland Regional Medical in Prestonburg, Ky. A memorial service will be held Friday at 3 p.m. Calling is one hour before the service at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard H. Blair**, 74, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 25 at his home in Las Cruces, N.M. Memorial services will be Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Janet C. Horne Garner**, 73, died Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla. Memorial services Friday at 3 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marvin Jackson**, 46, died Sunday at home. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Old Landmark Church of God in Christ, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Harry L. Johnson Jr.**, 39, died Nov. 4 at his home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Micheaux Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Kathryn Lampton Milner**, 81, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Nov. 1 at her home in Cincinnati. Memorial services at a later date.

NEW HAVEN — **Robert E. Kain**, 78, died Wednesday at Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and one hour before services.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Michael Ferrell

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He worked at Fairmount Homes in Nappanee.

Mr. Ferrell

He was born in Kendallville on April 1, 1974, to Robert Ferrell and Connie (Bolen) Messer. They survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Lyn Ferrell Jr. and Kyle Joseph Ferrell, both of Wolcottville, and Austin R. Slone of Auburn; two half-brothers, Walter Joseph Johnson and Roy Johnson, both of Hindman, Ky.; a half-sister, Rebecca Gibson of Hindman; his stepfather, Lonnie Messer; two stepbrothers, Anthony Messer of Fort Wayne and Jerimy Messer of Indianapolis; and stepsister, Tamra Hanni of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Brian Ferrell, who died Oct. 15, 2000.

Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to his children.

Sharon Lewis

ORLAND — Sharon E. Lewis, 70, Orland, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Lewis was born Aug. 24, 1932, in Whitley County to William Earl and Imogene Alice (Thompson) Briggs.

She was retired from the Orland Post Office, where she had been the postmaster. She was also a farmer.

She married Gene Lewis on Sept. 3, 1950, in Orland. He survives.

Surviving are three sons, Rodrick and Eric, both of Muskegon, Mich., and Neil of Orland; a brother, David Briggs of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place, and a committal service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Blue Heron Ministries, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Arrangements were by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Ashley Bauserman

SPENCERVILLE — Ashley Rose Bauserman, 14, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was an eighth-grade student at Leo Junior-Senior High School and a member or the National Hemophiliac Association. She loved to read and listen to music and was an avid collector of Star Wars mementos.

Surviving are her parents, Gregg A. and Theresa E. of Spencerville; a brother, Gregg A. II, at home; a half-sister, Tonya May of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Ken and Jeanette of Monroeville and Gary and Virginia Whitehall of LaGrange, Ga.; and a great-grandmother, Blanche Cook of LaGrange, Ga.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald Family House at Parkview Hospital or the Indiana Hemophiliac Association.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Richard Edward Bonner**, 79, of Angola, died Wednesday at Northern Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola. He was a past commander and current member of Angola American Legion Post 31. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling is from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Edna B. Herendeen**, 85, formerly of rural Churubusco, died Thursday at The Oaks in Columbia City. Services are Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Joshua H. Boots**, 21, died Wednesday in Albion. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary Helen (Pierce) Marquart**, 85, and **Maurice E. Marquart**, 85, died Wednesday as the result of an automobile accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and old S.R. 3 north of Avilla. Services for the couple will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

KIMMELL — **Lorraine L. Conley**, 59, died Monday at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Washington Center Township Building in Cromwell.

KENDALLVILE — **Mildred Arlene Poage**, 88, died Thursday at Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

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Michael Pepple

FORT WAYNE — Michael D. Pepple, 26, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the master bartender for the Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team. He was enrolled in acting school and involved with teaching martial arts classes in Los Angeles.

Mr. Pepple

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. David Pepple and Sharon Pepple of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Stephan and Philip of Fort Wayne; and a grandparent, Virginia Olry of Fort Wayne.

His other grandparents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Additional calling is Sunday from 4-7 p.m. and Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Walter Jetmore

CHURUBUSCO — Walter M. Jetmore, 84, of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at home.

A 1936 graduate of Huntertown High School, he served with the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked as a fireman at Baer Field in Fort Wayne during World War II. He worked at the Fort Wayne Power Plant and then as a fireman at the Casad Depot near New Haven, retiring in 1973. After retiring he worked at the Allen County Sale Barn, Hatch Plumbing and Heating in Huntertown and as a security guard at Casad Depot.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, and enjoyed his family, flowers and gardening, crossword puzzles, reading and feeding the birds.

He was born Oct. 4, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Harry Evan and Cecelia Agnes (Heidrich) Jetmore. On Dec. 26, 1942, in Fort Wayne, he married Catherine Roehling, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 1995. Three brothers, Charles, David and Robert Jetmore, and two sisters, Bonnie Ridenour and Betty Jetmore, are also deceased.

Surviving are seven daughters and five sons-in law, Theresa Jetmore of Fort Wayne, Vicki and Roger Wehrle of Churubusco, Cecelia and Edwin Pliett of LaOtto, Bernie and Gary Moore of Tri-Lakes and Ellie and Gene Vorndran, Joan and Kim Swander and Donna Livingston, all of Garrett; a sister, Ethel Driver of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto of St. John Bosco Catholic Church officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco. Memorials are to Masses for the church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Leland Speer

GARRETT — Leland D. Speer, 74, of Garrett, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Judy A. Brock, 57, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — Ronald G. Stagg, 98, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — Richard L. "Robby" Robertson, 72, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Calling is today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. There will be no services. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — A.B. "Mac" McDonald, 81, died Wednesday at Courtland Manor Health & Rehabilitation. Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. There will be no services.

FORT WAYNE — Ethel "Monty" Stevens, 94, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services are today at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling two hours prior to services. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Kokomo.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2002

Tawana Knox-Goings

KENDALLVILLE — Tawana R. Knox-Goings, 39, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Knox-Goings

A lifetime Kendallville resident, she volunteered her services to the Parkview-Noble Hospital Auxiliary and South Side Elementary School in Kendallville. She was a former member of the Kendallville Women's Club and Kendallville Jaycees.

She was born May 22, 1963, in Kendallville to Arnold R. and Mary E. (Everage) Knox. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Robert Dale "Bob" Goings on June 4, 1994, in Auburn. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Nathan Terry of Kendallville; a daughter, Taylar Knox of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Deb Knox of Wawaka; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Kendallville; three nephews, Travis Bailey and Travis Knox, both of Wawaka, and Skyler Strouse of Kendallville; a niece, Danielle Knox of Wawaka; her father- and mother-in-law, Dale and Nettie Goings of Auburn; and her ex-husband, Rick Terry of Kendallville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the College Education Fund for Tawana's Children. Checks may be made payable to Tawnya Strouse and envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Roberts

ANGOLA — Richard D. Roberts, 69, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Roberts was the former owner of the Round-Up Truck Stop and R & R Welding & Repair in Metz.

He lived in Angola for 27 years after moving to the area from Michigan.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged in 1955.

Mr. Roberts was a former member and captain of the Metz Volunteer Fire Department. He was affiliated with the Angola Motor Speedway for 27 years.

He was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Rockford, Ohio, to Ernest Roberts Sr. and Bessie (Adelblue) Roberts. Both preceded him in death.

He married Marilyn Sikenga on Dec. 24, 1976. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Roberts of Hamilton, Joseph Roberts of Luck, Wis., and Jeffery Roberts of Angola; a stepson, Dennis Beattie of Albuquerque, N.M.; two stepdaughters, Linda Beattie of Hamilton and Robin Taylor of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two sisters, Juanita Brown of Ohio City, Ohio, and Susan Mullins of Ontario, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Roberts and Ernest Roberts Jr.; and a sister, Ernestine Webster.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Richard Davis

YUMA, Ariz. — Richard M. Davis, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Ariz. He formerly resided in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 11, 1923, in DeKalb County to Stanley E. and Claudia (Poper) Davis.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

Wiley Phillips

AUBURN — Wiley J. Phillips, 86, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 5:05 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Phillips had owned Phillips Buildings since 1970. He had lived in Auburn since 1970 after moving from the Ashley-Hudson area.

He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo and a 50-year member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614.

Mr. Phillips

He was born March 9, 1916, in Billings, Mont., to Levi and Clidie (Severt) Phillips.

He married Dorothy C. Clark in Ashley on Dec. 25, 1937. She died June 27, 1996.

He married Lurah J. DeVoe on July 19, 1997, at Cedar Lake Church of Christ and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy P. and Peter Kirchner of Presque Isle, Mich., and Linda P. and Tim Colbart of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Lola Phillips of Waterloo; two stepsons, Ronald C. DeVoe of Big Bear City, Calif., and Phillip W. DeVoe of Melbourne, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Kathy D. Crooks of Lansing, Mich.; four grandsons, Robert and Matthew Kirchner, and Brett and Douglas Colbart; five great-grandchildren, MiKayla and Damon Colbart, and Nathan, Seth and Sean Kirchner; three stepgrandsons and a stepgranddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Phillips, who died in 1961; a grandson, Mark Colbart, who died in 1965; two sisters, Mabel Wren and Agnes Brallier; and a brother, James Phillips.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Fuenral Home of Auburn. Brian Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice and Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson.

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David Weaver

ANGOLA — David L. Weaver, 64, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont. He had lived in Angola since 1979 after moving from Bremen.

Mr. Weaver was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion and the Fremont Moose Lodge.

He was born Dec. 11, 1937, in Mishawaka to Lawrence and Esther (Schlemer) Weaver. They preceded him in death.

He married Julie (Trefun) Weaver on Nov. 28, 1959. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Marc Weaver of Salt Lake City, Utah, Brian Weaver of Fremont and Eric Weaver of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a daughter, Monica Ladig of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald Weaver of Syracuse, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Devon and Dale Weaver.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will follow at Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County with military graveside services by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Calling is Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Georgia Price

AUBURN — Georgia M. "Jo" Price, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at 12:10 p.m. at her Auburn home.

A homemaker, she was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Overton County, Ind., to George and Nora (Melton) Masters. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert T. Price on July 1, 1950, in Windsor, in Randolph County, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert T. Price Jr. of Auburn, Donald Price of Waterloo and Philip Price Sr. of Garrett; a daughter, Julia Rice of Garrett; a sister, Geri Pro of Florida; two half-sisters, Nora Tharp of Union City and Mary Alice Layman of Florida; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ernie Masters, and two sisters, Selma Snyder and Sara Crickard.

Services were held Friday with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the church of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leland Speer

GARRETT — Leland D. Speer, 74, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at 2:14 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Garrett resident, he retired from the Garrett Foundry in 1974 after 25 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Speer was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 25, 1928, in DeKalb County to Trevor and Alice (Webster) Speer. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Elnora A. Schlegel on Nov. 1, 1952, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and and two daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Carol Speer of Garrett, Gary Speer of Florida and Tim and Jennifer Speer of Garrett; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandra Terry of Florida, Kathy Kraft of Utah, Lisa and Jason Hatzell of Garrett and Mary and David Jenkins of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother, Dorsey Speer of Auburn; and two sisters, Norma Larue of Garett and Dolene Speer of Angola.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor David Farling officiating.

Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mary Stump

WOLF LAKE — Mary Kathryn Stump, 86, of Noble Township, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 4:32 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Stump

Mrs. Stump was employed as a nursing assistant at the Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, Linvill Memorial Hospital and the Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City for many years.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, she was a member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

She was born Feb. 12, 1916, to Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnensmith.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1932.

She married Raymond Stump on March 1, 1936. He survives in Wolf Lake on a farm where they lived for many years.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Nancy Stump of Ligonier, Ned and Nancy Stump of LaGrange, Thomas and Mary Anna Stump of Avilla, and Daniel and Mendy Stump, and Kevin and Kim Stump, all of Wolf Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Lawrence Emerson of Rome City; 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sarajane Conrad of Columbia City and Betty Saggars of Ligonier; and two brothers, Lee Mahnensmith of Terre Haute and Carmen Mahnensmith of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Burton Mahnensmith.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

The Rev. Dan Carlson, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church and The Gideons Society.

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Donney Rodgers

ROME CITY — Donney E. Rodgers, 53, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 4:44 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne after being ill for a few weeks.

Mr. Rodgers was a retired dock worker for Consolidated Freightways. He had lived in Rome City for six years after moving from Fremont.

He was born Jan. 23, 1949, in Mayfield, Ky., to Raymond E. and Estella (Copeland) Rodgers. They survive in St. Louis, Mo.

He married Sue Eastman on Sept. 21, 1968, in St. Louis. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debbie Rodgers of Angola; two sons, Danny Rodgers of Petoskey, Mich., and Raymond Rodgers of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Herbert W. Rodgers of St. Louis; and a grandson, Deven Rodgers.

There will be no services or calling. However, friends may visit and are welcome at the Rodgers' cottage.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Helen Bowling

BEATTYVILLE, Ky. — Helen (Ritchie) Bowling, 43, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at her home after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was a homemaker and attended the Baptist Church.

She was born May 2, 1959, in Hindman, Ky., to R.B. Ritchie and Mae (Roberts) Hall. Both parents survive.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Daniel and Michelle Combs; two grandchildren, Aysia and Ryan Combs, all of Fisty, Ky.; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Denzil and Jodi Ritchie of Irvine, Ky., Boyd and Cathy Ritchie of Kendallville, Daniel and Lisa Ritchie of Beattyville, Ky., Eddie and Lori Ritchie of Wolcottville, and Danny Jr. and Betty Hall of Ashley; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lillie S. and John Hall of Beattyville, Marlene Caudill of Rome City and Melody Frane of Kendallville; her former husband, Gary Bowling of Beattyville; her stepmother, Irene Ritchie of Beattyville; her stepfather, Danny Hall of Kendallville; 16 nieces, 10 nephews and many friends and relatives.

Services were held Friday at 1 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Beattyville, with the Rev. William Owens officiating. Burial was in the Hall Family Cemetery, Beattyville.

Booneville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Katherine Whitacre

DECATUR — Katherine M. "Marilyn" Whitacre, 71, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 10:45 p.m. at her home in rural Decatur.

Mrs. Whitacre had been a resident of Auburn before moving to Decatur in 1993. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bingen.

She was born March 1, 1931, in University City, St. Louis, Mo. to Willard Glen Farmer Sr. and Florence Lucile Bragg, Her father died in July 1975 and her mother died Dec. 16, 1975.

She married Ollis Dean Whitacre on Dec. 23, 1958, in Costa Mesa, Calif. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Edward Whitacre of Albion and Clayton D. Whitacre of Decatur; a daughter, Cynthia K. Whitacre of Columbia City; a sister, Carolyn Menze of St. Anne, Mo.; a brother, Willard Glen Farmer Jr. of Arizona; eight grandchildren, Robbie, Kimberlyn, Daniel, Angelique, Hope, Edward Jr., Michael and Sacha; and five great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Nicholas Alan Brumbaugh, died in1992.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church at Bingen. The Rev. Thomas L. Olson will officiate. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home of Decatur and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

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COLUMBIA CITY — **Woodie Gamble**, 55, died Saturday at his home. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Walter M. Gallup**, 87, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Dr. Dwain Patrick and the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **James R. Hurst**, 74, died Sunday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ROME CITY — **Judith A. Somers**, 53, died Sunday at her home. No services or calling. Burial will be at a later date in Tedrow Cemetery, Tedrow, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy R. Close**, 76, died Saturday at home. Graveside services are today at 2 p.m. at Hebron. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Marie E. Dent**, 86, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Lutheran Home Chapel, with calling Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Norman A. Rubino**, 65, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at his son's home in Michigan. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, Clear Lake, with calling today from 2 to 8 p.m. and prayer service at 7 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater.

FORT WAYNE — **Cleatus J. Moffett**, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Son Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert A. Miller**, 80, died Saturday at St. Anne Home. Services Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 67 to 8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Lawrence E. Schooley**, 89, died Sunday at Kingston at Dupont. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at El Ridge Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, Muncie, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Larry R. West**, 60, died Saturday at home. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Eagles service at 7:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN — **Stevan R. Mowery**, 51, died Saturday at home. Services Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Agnes Scranage

ASHLEY — Agnes Scranage, 88, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Scranage was a homemaker and a member of the Ashley First United Methodist Church.

She was born June 24, 1914, in Goshen to David Smoker and Lydia Yoder. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married John Scranage on April 29, 1934. He died Dec. 24, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, Dan Scranage of Boca Raton, Fla., Al Scranage of Ashley and Bruce Scranage of Auburn; one sister, Josephine Harper of Goshen; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Scranage, and one brother, Guy Smoker.

Private graveside services will be held Wednesday at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna. The Rev. Douglas Barber will officiate.

Memorials are to the Ashley First United Methodist Church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Cleatus Moffett

DIAMOND LAKE — Cleatus Jerald "Jerry" Moffett, 68, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at 1:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moffett lived at Diamond Lake and was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

He was employed by Wilson Freight before retiring in 1980 because of health reasons. He was one of the longest-living recipients of a heart transplant, which extended his life by 16 years.

He served in the U.S. Army from December 1955 to December 1957, serving in Korea from May 24, 1956, to Sept. 8, 1957.

He was born Feb. 18, 1934, in Morris Chapel, Tenn. to Sam and Gracie Moffett. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Carol Ann (Sorg) Moffett on Aug. 10, 1957, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Elizabeth, Carol Ann, Tina, Normie and Kathy; four sons, John Keith, Tim, Jim and Don; a brother, Sam Moffett; a sister, Joyce Blankenship; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Pastors Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and Ron Stambaugh of Freewell Baptist Church in Waterloo will officiate.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church of Ashley building fund.

Mona Rowan

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mona E. Rowan, 91, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. in Harborside Healthcare Center at Bryan, Ohio, where she had resided for 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Rowan was a homemaker and co-owner of Rowan Lumber Co. in Hicksville.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and the U and I card club. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star in Hicksville and Bryan, Ohio, for more than 50 years.

She was born Sept. 30, 1911, in Farmer Township, Ohio, to Harry and Lilly (Van Horn) Blair. She graduated from Farmer High School in 1930.

She married Richard Rowan on April 2, 1932. He died in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Joe Conn of Bryan, Ohio, and Carolyn and Wayne Carr of Antwerp, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Rowan of Bryan; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Eunice Elser; a brother, Ray Blair; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville, with Pastor Tom Graves officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. An Order of Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Ohio Parkinson Foundation Northwest Region Inc.

Harriet Hunt

KENDALLVILLE — Harriet L. Hunt, 85, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 28, 1916, to Logan E. and Vida L. (Bellinger) Chester.

She married Charles M. Hunt on April 18, 1936, in Columbia City. He died Sept. 18, 1985.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Zane M. Hunt; two brothers, Dayton E. Chester and Harold D. Chester; one sister, Hazel; and a grandson, Troy Krull.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Vonda and Lee Smith of Sturgis, Mich., Karna and Richard Krull of LaGrange and Karen and Tom Deller of Ashley; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Todd Hunt of Garrett, Kimm and Tammy Hunt of Wolcottville and Kyle and Wanda Hunt of Kendallville; a sister, Hilda Kimmel of Fort Wayne; 26 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at the chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Keith F. Hawk**, 61, died Sunday at his home. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Allen Brammerlo**, 76, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Holland, Mich. Memorial services today at 2 p.m. at Yntema Funeral Home in Zeeland, Mich., with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Roger C. Gutmann**, 55, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Connie L. Jackson**, 64, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

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FORT WAYNE — **Jeffrey L. Hancock**, 48, died Saturday. Services Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Carman Funeral Home, Flatwoods, Ky., with calling today from 6 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Carl F. Kayser**, 88, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Madge Joan Knight**, 69, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Bessie Clay Lee**, 98, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 9 in Louisa, Ky. Services were in Belfry, Ky.

FORT WAYNE — **James C. Recht**, 86, died Sunday at home. Services are Thursday at 10 :30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Leon Reed**, 40, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Pilot Mountain, N.C. Private services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ellen Wible**, 82, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **George M. Repka Jr.**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling today from 7 to 9 p.m. and vigil at 8:30 p.m., at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Esther K. Scherer**, 68, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services were held at St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church. Services were held today at 10 a.m. at the church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **June Wyland**, 81, died Sunday at Regency Place. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard S. Wilkinson**, 57, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Mona Rowan

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mona E. Rowan, 91, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. in Harborside Healthcare Center at Bryan, Ohio, where she had resided for 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Rowan was a homemaker and co-owner of Rowan Lumber Co. in Hicksville.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and the U and I card club. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star in Hicksville and Bryan, Ohio, for more than 50 years.

She was born Sept. 30, 1911, in Farmer Township, Ohio, to Harry and Lilly (Van Horn) Blair. She graduated from Farmer High School in 1930.

She married Richard Rowan on April 2, 1932. He died in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Joe Conn of Bryan, Ohio, and Carolyn and Wayne Carr of Antwerp, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Rowan of Bryan; a sister, Dorothy Rowan of Hicksville; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Eunice Elser; a brother, Ray Blair; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville, with Pastor Tom Graves officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. An Order of Eastern Star service will begin at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Ohio Parkinson Foundation Northwest Region Inc.

Sharon Lewis

ORLAND — A graveside service for Sharon Lewis will be held Monday at 5 p.m. at Jackson Prairie Cemetery, south of Orland on S.R. 327. Mrs. Lewis died last week.

Following the service, a funeral dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 W. Orland Road.

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Elmer Sevits

FREMONT — Elmer B. Sevits, 88, of Fremont, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at his daughter's home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sevits was born Feb. 21, 1914, in Allen County, to Victor and Barbara (Beller) Sevits. He married Wilma Vose in Fremont on July 1, 1936. She survives.

He had lived in the Steuben County area since 1935, coming from Grabill.

He was a farmer and retired in 1978 from Covell Implements in Ashley, where he delivered machinery and was a truck driver and setup man.

Surviving are a son, Edward of Fremont; a daughter, Barbara Rigdon of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ophia Snyder of Vestaburg, Mich., and Esther Hershberger of Kolonia, Iowa; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Henry, and five sisters, Mary Hausch, Anna Kipfer, Rose Harter and two infants.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wilma Sevits, in care of Allen Stout, 118 W. Maumee St., Angola IN 46703.

Janice Hardenbrook

AUBURN — Janice C. Hardenbrook, 89, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at Wesley Health Care.

Mrs. Hardenbrook was a homemaker and belonged to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 21, 1912, in Ligonier to Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Smith) Cass. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Alan C. Hardenbrook on July 1, 1931. He died Jan. 5, 1981.

Surviving are three sons, Dan Hardenbrook of Long Beach, Calif., Joseph Hardenbrook of Garrett and John Mark Hardenbrook of Butler; one daughter, Sandra VanBergen of Pampa, Texas; one sister, Joan Moore of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Maurine Griffith and Harriett Stoller.

A private memorial service will be held Friday at Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to St. Martin's House in Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Max Case

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Max C. Case, 84, of Daytona Beach, Fla., died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at Halifax Medical Center in Florida.

Mr. Case was retired as a engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was born in Kunkle, Ohio. He moved to Florida in 1980 from Garrett. He was a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Eagles, Elks and Masons.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ilene; and two sisters, Marie Boyd of Angola and Pauline Surfus of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Case, and two sisters, Thelma Brown and Norma Workman.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach.

Memorials are to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 730 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Volusia County Cremation was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Danny A. Hill**, 33, died Monday near LaGrange. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Calling Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

FORT WAYNE — **Eugene P. Bartlett Sr.**, 76, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

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Fern McNamara

AUBURN — Fern G. McNamara, 85, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. McNamara was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born March 25, 1917, in Allen County to Jesse Lee Wright and Blanche Mae (Garman) Wright. They preceded her in death.

She married Hubert McNamara on Jan. 3, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 30, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Doris E. Mattingly of Snow Lake, Ruby Claydon of Round Lake Beach, Ill. and Joyce McNamara of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Brian Claydon and Terry Claydon.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul McNamara.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. John Kinsey and the Rev. Ken Yingling will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Flossie Fieldler

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Flossie M. Fiedler, 60, of Sacramento, Calif., died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at her home.

A former Angola resident, Mrs. Fiedler worked as a sales assistant for Moore's Business Forms in Angola for 37 years.

She was born Oct. 19, 1942, in Warren, Ind., to Robert and Virginia Hill. Her mother survives in rural Hamilton.

She married Larry A. Fiedler on Aug. 13, 1960. He survives in Sacramento.

Also surviving are a son, Tony, of Lemoore, Calif.; a daughter, Janine Webby of San Francisco, Calif.; three grandchildren, Justin and Tiffany Fiedler and Clara Webby; two brothers, Robert Hill and Donald Hill, both of Hamilton; and a sister, Susan Otteson of Shreveport, La.

A day-old son, Tim, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church, 3600 J. Street, Sacramento, CA 95816; or the American Cancer Society, 1765 Challenge Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Perry D. Mecklenburg**, 75, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Frances Bell**, 79, died Tuesday at University Park Nursing Center. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Lawrence W. Brown**, 87, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Macer Hall Funeral Home, New Castle, with calling from 1-2 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret A. Dupree**, 69, died Tuesday at Regency Place. Services Friday at noon at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Eva J. Cummins**, 86, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Friday at 11 .a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Louise Hood**, 65, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at noon at Oakridge Temple Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna L. Schroeder**, 84, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, with calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Edythe Maude Wallace**, 77, died Tuesday at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Ill. Graveside services Saturday at 9 a.m. at Friends Creek Cemetery, with memorial services at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church, and calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home, all in Argenta, Ill.

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Velma Willibey

BUTLER — Velma L. Willibey, 73, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at 4:50 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

A Butler native, she was a homemaker. She was born Dec. 26, 1928, to Ross and Zama (Eddy) Dohner.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Teresa Willibey of Butler and Gary and Sheila Willibey of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nila and Larry App of Bristol, and Rita and Kim Duchane of North Manchester; six grandchildren, Katie and Betsy App of Bristol, Chris and Kellie Willibey of Butler, Meredith Willibey of Atlanta, Ga., and Jamie Duchane of North Manchester; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling is Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.Memorials are to a charity of choice.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **H. Byron Bovee**, 60, died Wednesday at Centreville, Mich. Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

SOUTH BEND — **Lester Elvin Grove**, 90, died Wednesday in Southfield Village, South Bend. Services are Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Lydick United Methodist Church, South Bend. Calling is today from to 8 p.m. in Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend and one half hour before services at the church.

AVILLA — **Mela E. Norden**, 86, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are Sunday at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Calling is Saturday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour before services at the church.

ALBION — **Barbara A. Reuille**, 56, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling is Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour before services at the church.

AVILLA — **Merlin L. Whonsetler**, 92, died Wednesday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling is Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home.

LAGRANGE — **Kevin B. McCormick**, 40, died Wednesday at his home after a lengthy illness. Services are Sunday at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Fred A. Lamport**, 94, died Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. No services or visitation. Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert McCarthy

AUBURN — Robert W. McCarthy, 88, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, in Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

He was an engineer for Ditmer Gear in New York from 1948 to 1957, Borg Warner in Auburn from 1957 to 1971, and New Bedford Gear in New Bedford, Mass., from 1971 to 1982, when he retired.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Mr. McCarthy was born July 4, 1914, in Kenosha, Wis., to John W. and Cora (Sutton) McCarthy.

On April 25, 1981, he married Hilda M. Santos in Fairhaven, Mass. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Robert McCarthy of Waterloo; a daughter, Mary Ellen Muzzillo of Auburn; two sisters, Martha Sharpsten and Lula Clouson, both of Lockport, N.Y.; a nephew, Arthur Braggs of Fairport, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Alan Winebrenner, Adina Houser and Scott Winebrenner; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Arlene Dohring, and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Cold Springs Cemetery at Lockport, N.Y.

Calling is Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Moose Haven.

Opal Houser DeWitt

HUNTERTOWN — Opal C. Houser DeWitt, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Allen County, she was a homemaker and a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Churubusco No. 136 OES.

Surviving are one son, Randall Houser Jr. of Wolcottville; one daughter, Maxine Elward of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepson, Joe W. DeWitt of Dayton, Ohio; a sister, Anna M. Davis of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Randall Houser Sr., in 1957; her second husband, John DeWitt, in 1995; a son, Jack Allen Houser, in 1949; a step-daughter, Sally Clark, in 2002; one sister and seven brothers.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial is in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to Tuesday's service and from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church.

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Edna Skiles

KENDALLVILLE — Edna L. Skiles, 99, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002 at 11:40 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Skiles was a homemaker most of her life. From 1951 to 1959 she and Mr. Skiles operated and owned the Snack Bar in Kendallville.

She enjoyed bridge and cooking, as well as crocheting and other kinds of fancy work.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist for more than 50 years and at the time of her death she was the oldest member of the church.

She was a charter member of the Methodist Women's Society and a member of the Dorcas Circle. She also taught Sunday School classes and played the piano.

Mrs. Skiles graduated from Bluffton High School in 1920 and was a charter member of the Alpha Eta chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority formed in Bluffton on Oct. 28, 1920.

She was a member of the Rebekahs, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Lady Elks.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1903, in Bluffton to Gillian and Sarah (Houtz) Farling. Both preceded her in death.

She married Harmon H. Skiles on Aug. 12, 1924 in Bluffton. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1982.

They lived in California for several years, where their three children were born and moved to Kendallville in 1936.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Parker of Kendallville and Phyllis Nichols of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Skiles; three brothers, Cloyd Farling of Bluffton, Earl Farling of Dunkirk, Virgil Farling of Dunkirk; three sisters, Jane Brumfield of Los Angeles, Ethel Buehler of Sacramento and Bess Harnish of Hollywood, Cal.; and a great-grandson, Joshua Boots.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services are Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery following services on Friday.

Memorials are to Humane Shelter of Noble County, The Food Pantry, Common grace, or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Martha Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Marie Gibson, 67, of Kendallville died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Cathleen Mosley, Kendallville.

She was born March 19, 1935, in Garrett to Arthur and Orla (Derrow) Swander. She was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

Mrs. Gibson

Surviving are six daughters and one son-in-law, Cathleen and Donald G. Mosley of Kendallville, Laura Arnold of Kendallville; Geraldine O'Shea of Fort Wayne, Crestene Mosley of Kendallville, Cindy Gibson of Kendallville and Marlene Arnold of Rome City; two sons, Steve Gibson of Kendallville; and Marvin Gibson of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Donald W. Mosley, Natasha Sparkman, Jessica Mosley, Greg Mosley, Tabitha Mosley, Vicky Messer, Jamie Gibson, Jennifer Gibson, Roman Arnold, Anna Gibson and Tiffany Arnold; three great-grandchildren, Matthew Mosley, Mark Mosley and Isaac Sparkman; four sisters, Connie Handshoe of Kendallville, Joann Wert of Kendallville, Ruth Mounds of Kendallville and Carolyn Martin of Fort Wayne and three brothers, Fred Swander of Albion, Larry Swander of Albion and Dick Swander of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lydia Nelson and Linda Bailey, and one brother, Bob Swander.

Calling is Sunday from 4-6 p.m. with a 6 p.m. service at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Jeff Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to Billy Fields' Ministries.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Floyd Morgan

GARRETT — Floyd Morgan, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday Nov. 20, 2002, at home.

Mr. Morgan, a resident of Garrett for the last 19 years, retired from Dana Corp. in Auburn after 30 years of service as a machine operator in 1969. He was also a Korean War veteran and a member of the Garret American Legion.

He was born Jan. 20, 1929, to Asa and Elizabeth "Daisy" (Smith) Morgan in Hazard, Ken. Both preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Jeff Morgan of Auburn, Jerry Morgan of Bancock, Thailand, and Jerome Morgan of Leo; two daughters, Elaine Creager of Auburn and Elizabeth Simmons of Hammond; a sister, Mally Harris of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Kelly, Chester, Charlie, Walter and Roscoe.

No services will be held.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Speicher

KENDALLVILLE — Robert E. Speicher, 52, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at 2:35 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville

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John Newlin

AUBURN — John Clyde Newlin, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at Regency Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Newlin

He served as plant superintendent for Durham Manufacturing Co. in Muncie for 10 years. He then worked as plant superintendent for Garrett Tubular Products for 29 years, retiring in 1977. He was the co-owner of Trophies & Awards in Auburn.

He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and was involved in Promise Keepers.

He was born March 14, 1909, in Mitchell, Ind., to Charles and Rhoda (Stultz) Newlin.

He married Lucile Matson in 1995. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mabel Newlin of Matthews, Ind.; two stepsons and their wives, Charles and Carol Bavis of Fort Wayne and Richard and Virginia Johnston of Traverse City, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Annette and Dean Woodard of Auburn; two sisters, Corine Keifer of Kokomo and Louise Bridegroom of Winter Haven, Fla.; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, 25 stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Dortha (Keppler) Newlin, died in 1989. He married Nell Bavis in 1955 and she died in 1984; He also was preceded in death by a sister, Grace Goudy.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. The Rev. Randall Callaway will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Indian Village Church of God.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer's Association.

Leah Harrold

BUTLER — Leah Harrold died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at H.E. Johnson Funeral Home in Butler.

Ralph Phillips

WATERLOO — Ralph L. Phillips, 76, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at 9:27 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

A lifetime dairy farmer in Grant Township, he also worked at Warner Gear in Auburn from 1965 through 1983.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born July 25, 1926, in Waterloo to Levi N. and Clide (Sevart) Phillips.

He married Lola L. Funk on April 24, 1946, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Ellen and Gerald Wilhelm of Auburn; three sons and two daughters-in-law, John M. and Janet Phillips of Waterloo, Joseph R. and Wyneek Phillips of Auburn and Donald A. Phillips of Chicago; and nine grandchildren, Andrew, Kristen, Jill, Angela, Brian, Austin and Jayma Phillips and Tyler and Logan Wilhelm.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wiley and James Phillips and two sisters, Agnes Brallier and Mabel Wren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn. Brian Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Gladys Gaff

NAPPANEE — Gladys Gaff, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at 9:20 a.m. at her home. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Gaff was a homemaker. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Bourbon. She moved to Nappanee from Akron, Ind., over 30 years ago.

She was born in Akron on Jan. 23, 1928, to Orvan and Vera (Martin) Floor.

She married Roger S. Gaff on Oct. 6, 1946, in Columbia City. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David Gaff of Garrett, Kent Gaff of Kansas City, Kan., and Mark Gaff of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and James Archambeault of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; four sisters, Phyllis Munson of Warsaw, Norma Barr of Akron, and Cleo Hall and Martha Howard, both of Lakeville; and two brothers, Orvan Floor Jr. and James Floor, both of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Gaff; three sisters, Frances Slanac, Janette Smarz and Pauline Floor; and one brother, Marion Floor.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church in Bourbon, with the Rev. Mark Cotril officiating. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Marie Perkins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Marie O. Perkins, 85, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at her home in Stroh.

Mrs. Perkins was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

A retired school teacher, she taught for 26 years in the Prairie Heights School Corp. She was a member of Apostolic Temple Church of South Bend and attended the Stroh Church of Christ.

She was born in Wolcottville on Sept. 17, 1917, to Irvin G. and Vera E. (Walb) Cook.

She married Kenneth H. Perkins on Aug. 1, 1937, in Wolcottville. He died March 26, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Roger Boots of Wolcottville, Jane and Jack Owen of Albion and Patricia and Bill Williams of Mount Clemens, Mich.; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Winifred Perkins of Hudson, Larry Perkins of Stroh, Samuel Perkins of Hudson and Randy and April Perkins of South Bend; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two sisters, two brothers, one granddaughter and three grandsons also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ, with pastors Randy Perkins, Bill Williams and Mike Hamm and Bishop David Rowe officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ.

Memorials are to Gideons International and the Stroh Fire Department.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Beard

BUTLER — Donald R. Beard, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Beard worked as a heavy-equipment operator fo the DeKalb County Highway Department, retiring with 28 years of service.

He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born Sept. 1, 1923, in Waterloo to Lloyd and Victoria Josephine (Collett) Beard.

He married Betty J. Groff on April 26, 1947, in Auburn. She died June 22, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Martha Beard of Butler; three grandchildren, Laura Beard of Butler, Tim Beard (and wife Tara) of Lexington, S.C., and Alicia Beard (and her fiancé, Michael Graves) of Auburn; and three sisters, Pauline Eck and Agnes Suntken, both of Butler, and June Josefowicz of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence, and four sisters, Virginia Hart, Vivian Werner, Florence Lint and Dorothy Dunham.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Hospital or Riley Hospital for Children.

Philip Schwartz

SPENCERVILLE — Philip L. R. Schwartz, 13, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at 5:53 p.m. in a hunting accident in rural Spencerville.

He was a student in the seventh grade at Maple Lane School in Grabill.

He was born July 6, 1989, in Geneva, Ind., to Leander J. and Rosina E. (Wengerd) Schwartz. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Menno, Solomon, Leander, Edwin and Norman, all of Spencerville; three sisters, Lisa, Delilah and Christina, all of Spencerville; his paternal grandparents, Menno and Barbara Schwartz of Geneva; and his maternal grandparents, Solomon and Saloma Wengerd of Berne.

One brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the home of Leander Schwartz, 4720 C.R. 68, Spencerville. Bishop Vic Graber will officiate. Burial will be in the Amish Cemetery on Hurshtown Road in Allen County.

Calling is today from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Tuesday before the service at the home.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Robert E. Speicher**, 52, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **William Butler**, 72, died Saturday at Hospice Home. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **William M. Kozma**, 86, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel with Trisagion services at 8 p.m. and calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Nicholas J. Krajewski**, 81, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, with prayers at 12:45 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, and calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and vigil there at 3:30 p.m.

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Leah Harrold

BUTLER — Leah Jeanice Harrold, 70, of Butler, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at 10:10 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A homemaker, Mrs. Harrold lived in the Butler area for many years.

She was born June 24, 1932, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Vearl and Dora (Claudy) Wrinkle. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Robert K. Harrold on Oct. 10, 1953, in Carson City, Nev. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bruce and Susan Harrold of Greybull, Wyo., and Robert K. Harrold Jr. of Mooresville; two brothers, James Wrinkle of Bryan, Ohio, and Robert Wrinkle of Edgerton, Ohio; a half-sister, Ruth Lutz of Tiffin, Ohio; and a grandchild, Jacob Ryan Harrold of Greybull, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Sue.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor James McDonald officiating. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery in Churubusco.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Cancer Society.

Ella Jane Burelison

ANGOLA — Ella Jane Burelison, 73, of Angola, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired from I.T.T. of Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Irvin; seven children, Sandra Balch of St. Louis, Mo., Karen Charters, John Burelison and James Burelison, all of Fort Wayne, and Sheryl Meade, Joe Burelison and Jacob Burelison, all of Angola; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services were conducted at Showalter-Blackwell-Long Funeral Home, Baker-Fosdick Chapel in Liberty, Ind., with the Rev. Mark Powell of Brownsville United Methodist Church officiating.

Entombment was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lutheran Cancer Care Center in Fort Wayne.

John Guernsey

PLEASANT LAKE — John Richard Guernsey, 67, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a lengthy illness.

He was an Acme machine operator at Dana-Weatherhead, Angola, before retiring in 1991. He also worked at Fun Spot Amusement Park, Angola. He served in the U.S. Marines in the Korean War. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola.

Mr. Guernsey was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Bronson, Mich.

He married Joyce Frever on June 11, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike Guernsey, South Milford, Steven Huey, Mattawan, Mich., and Douglas Huey, Angola; two daughters, Deborah Sommors, Bronson, Mich., and Darlene Moser, Pleasant Lake; a half-brother, Michael of Michigan; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be held at Friday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Siller officiating. Burial will be in Bronson with graveside military services by the Bronson American Legion Post.

Calling is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Henrietta M. Fudge**, 81, died Monday at Regency Place, Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling today from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Ella Jane Burelison**, 73, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital. Private services will be held.

FORT WAYNE — **Mercedes C. Carter**, 78, died Thursday at home. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at Greater Mount Ararat Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Hodge**, 87, died Thursday at St. Anne Nursing Home. Services Saturday at noon at Zion Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ivy M. Laybolt**, 83, died Sunday at Sunrise Assisted Living. Services Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Nancy Humbarger Mason**, 61, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at her home in Boulder City, Nev. Services Wednesday in Boulder City, with calling one hour before services. Memorial services will be held in Fort Wayne at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Pauline V. Miller**, 86, died Sunday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Melvin F. Niemann**, 786, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in Dade City, Fla. Services in Florida Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Ridge Manor.

FORT WAYNE — **Stogianis Novachcos**, 92, died Monday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and trisagion service at 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Skye M. Snow-Torrez**, 3, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Joan Mae Stapp**, 63, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Beverly Health Care Center, Frederick, Md. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **James W. Wynn**, 42, died Friday at Englewood Health Care.

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Tanner Blevins

AUBURN — Tanner Adam Blevins, 11 weeks and 2 days old, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at 6 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 8, 2002, in Auburn to April Blevins and Shane Feightner. His parents survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Chuck and Shirley Blevins of Auburn; two brothers, Tyler and Taylor Teegardin, both at home in Auburn; and his aunts and uncles, Brenda and Greg Kock, Laura Frye and Chuck Jr. and Deb Blevins, all of Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Bill Weaver will officiate. Private family graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leo Lemish

KENDALLVILLE — Leo A. Lemish, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mr. Lemish was a farmer, retiring in 1977. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge, all in Kendallville.

He was born in Ege on April 15, 1917, to John and Mary (Green) Lemish.

He married Helen Kocks on Aug. 25, 1956. She died in July 1973.

He then married Maxine R. Addis Hursey on Dec. 26, 1978, in Kendallville. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters and one son-in-law, Brenda and James Showen, and Vicki Patee, all of Kendallville; one sister, Mary Ann Heitz of Hamilton; five stepgrandchildren, Brian Hursey of Noblesville, Marc and Jeffrey Showen, both of Kendallville, Richard Patee of Merrillville and Rebecca Daniels of Kendallville; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Ed, Bernard and Pete Lemish; and one sister, Helen Bolton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church redecorating fund.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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FORT WAYNE — **Leland H. Bradley**, 79, died Monday at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas Cooper Crawford**, 79, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Memorial services Friday at 11 a.m. at American Legion Hall Post 47.

FORT WAYNE — **Lyndea Helen Dew**, 90, died Monday at the Lutheran Home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hoover-Hall Memorial Chapel, Monmouth, Ill, with calling 10-11 a.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jennifer Lynn Kocks**, 35, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at her home in San Francisco. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Reaalma McPherson** died Saturday at Lutheran Homes. Memorial services Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Grace Temple Church of God in Christ.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret E. Rice**, 83, died Tuesday at St. Anne Home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Gregory Armstrong

KENDALLVILLE — Gregory Eugene Armstrong, 49, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at 4:41 p.m. at his residence.

Mr. Armstrong was born May 28, 1953, in Freeport, Ill., to Eugene & Doris (Haight) Armstrong. He lived in Illinois most of his life, Florida for nine years, and Indiana since June 1995. He was a crossing guard for the Kendallville Police Department for the last three years. He enjoyed Bible studies, flea markets, shopping, music and The Muppets.

Mr. Armstrong

On March 16, 1996, he married Judi Hartnup in Kendallville and she survives. Also surviving are his parents, Eugene and Doris Armstrong of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Richard and Katherine Hartnup of Coldwater, Michigan; two daughters, Danielle Armstrong of Rock Falls, Ill., and Kyra Burkett of Branson, Mo; two sons, Kenton Armstrong and Kory Armstrong both of Branson, Mo.; five grandchildren, Killian, Zachary, Angel, Madi and Alexis; his brother-in-law and wife, John and Tami Hartnup of Huntertown; nieces, Samantha Hartnup and Danielle Myers; his aunt, Rose Glatz of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and his "adopted parents" Claire and Carl Mangano of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Barry Armstrong, and his grandparents, Russ and Dora Haight and Allan and Luella Armstrong.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Phil Abram of the River Park United Methodist Church in South Bend officiating. Burial will be in Freeport, Ill.

Visitation is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Angel Tree at Richard's Restaurant.

Anna Blume

AUBURN — Anna Louise Blume, 71, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Wesley Heathcare in Auburn.

A homemaker, she graduated from Fort Wayne South Side High School in 1949.

She was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Adam and Arlene I. (McCague) Baumgardener. Her father died in 1973 and her mother died in 1993.

Her husband, Billy A. Blume, died March 28, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Cook of Auburn and Pamela Crossman of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Price of Cross Plains, Wis.; and three grandchildren, Heather Crossman of Big Rapids, Mich., Daniel Crossman of Arizona and Michael Crossman of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society and DeKalb County Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

John Pemberton

DAYTON, Ohio — John M. Pemberton, 71, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at 10:40 p.m. at his Dayton, Ohio, residence.

His death was unexpected and due to natural causes.

Mr. Pemberton

He lived most of his life in the Dayton area, moving to Shipshewana in 1976, and returning to Dayton in 1981. He worked as a mason and retired from the Montgomery County Highway Department after 12 years of service. He enjoyed working in his lawn and flower gardens around his home.

Mr. Pemberton was born July 31, 1931, in Caryville, Tenn., to William and Geneva (Butler) Pemberton and they are deceased.

On Aug. 15, 1964, he married Lillian Agee in Dayton and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Judy (Mrs. Lynn) Yoder of Shipshewana, Robin Diane Powell of Jones, Mich., Sherry (Mrs. Harry) Recker of Centerville, Ohio, Robin Fanning of LaGrange, and Jamie (Mrs. Willy) Baker-Jones of Michigan; three sons, Larry Pemberton of Dayton, Robert Pemberton of Shipshewana, and Mike Pemberton of LaGrange; a brother, Don Pemberton, of Xenia, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A brother, William Pemberton, and a sister, Eva Jo Simpkins, preceded him in death.

Funeral services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Gary Klinger of Shipshewana Nazarene Church officiating.

Calling is Friday, 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Keightly Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The following obituary is being rerun to clarify information.

John Guernsey

PLEASANT LAKE — John Richard Guernsey, 67, Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Guernsey was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Bronson, Mich. He married Joyce Frever on June 11, 1983. She survives. He was an Acme machine operator at Dana-Weatherhead, Angola, before retiring in 1991. He also worked at Fun Spot Amusement Park, Angola. He also worked at Vestil for three years.

He served in the U.S. Marines in the Korean War. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deborah Sommors, Bronson, Mich., and Darlene Moser, Pleasant Lake; three sons, Mike Guernsey, South Milford, Steven Huey, Mattawan, Mich., and Douglas Huey, Angola; a half-brother, Michael of Michigan; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Siller officiating. Visitation from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. Burial is in Bronson with graveside military services by the Bronson American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Gladys Gaff

NAPPANEE — Gladys Gaff, 74, died at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at her home. She had been ill for several months.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Bourbon. She moved to Nappanee from Akron, Ind., over 30 years ago.

She was born in Akron on Jan. 23, 1928, to Orvan and Vera (Martin) Floor.

She married Roger S. Gaff on Oct. 6, 1946, in Columbia City. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David Gaff of Garrett, Kent Gaff of Kansas City, Kan., and Mark Gaff of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and James Archambeault of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four sisters, Phyllis Munson of Warsaw, Norma Barr of Akron, and Cleo Hall and Martha Howard, both of Lakeville; and two brothers, Orvan Floor Jr. and James Floor, both of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Gaff; three sisters, Frances Slanac, Janette Smarz and Pauline Floor; and one brother, Marion Floor.

Services were Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church in Bourbon, with the Rev. Mark Cotril officiating. Burial was at Union Center Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Tupelo Children's Manion in Tupelo, Miss., or New Life Tabernacle in Kendallville.

Tana Smith

LAGRANGE — Tana L. Smith, 52, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at 10:13 p.m., in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired from Starcraft in 1996 and was a 1968 graduate of Central Noble High School.

She was born May 6, 1950, in Marion County, to Roger and Julia Louise (Houshor) Reece and they are deceased.

On March 15, 1970, she married Eugene Smith, Sr., in DeKalb County and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Shirlena Smith II of Stroh; a daughter, Julie Smith of Stroh; her stepfather, Harold Landes of Albion; two stepdaughters, Debra Wilhelm of Stroh and Deana Straley of Hudson; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Mrs. Kevin (Diane) McCoy of Avilla, Mrs. Wayne (Billie) May of Wawaka, Mrs. Bradly (Jerra) Smolek of Albion, Mrs. Kevin (Terra) Clouse of Albion, and Becky Smith of Indianapolis; a stepbrother, Terry Landes of Indianapolis; a stepsister, Pam Summers of Indianapolis; and 10 grandchildren, Jax, Reese, Shayntel, Courtney, Rachel, Tommy Jr., Keshia, Samantha, Randi and Jami.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Eugene Raymond Smith III, and two sisters, Tamera and Tammy.

Funeral services are Saturday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Services Held

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Merlin Whonsetler** took place Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Pallbearers were Stanley Whonsetler, Matthew Whonsetler, Jeff Smith, Jeff Wicker, Matt Zolman, and Everett Zolman. Burial was in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Barbara Reuille** took place Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Fr. Daniel Durkin officiating. Her family and friends were pallbearers. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Brazzell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Funeral services took place Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at 2 p.m., for **Mela Norden** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Pallbearers were Craig Norden, Aaron Norden, Gary Hess, Darren Hess, Tim Heiman, and Mike Norden. Honorary pallbearers were Jeff Norden, Larry Norden, Kenny Hess, Steve Heiman, Roger Buuck, and Brian Hackman.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

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FORT WAYNE — **Marvin A. Rutz**, 80, died Wednesday at Regency Place. Services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mark A. Schoeff,** 70, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles E. Shappell**, 56, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Tuesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

NEW HAVEN — **Alvin W. Bruns**, 87, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at noon at St. Paul Lutheran Church-Gar Creek, with calling today from 2 to 50 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Lucile C. Gerard**, 93, died Monday at St. Anne Home. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Home, with calling Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

David Banks

ST. JOE — David Z. Banks, 19, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, in a car-train collision on County Road 71.

He was a production worker at Dura Automotive in Butler and a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett. He loved cars, farming and bowling.

He was born Dec. 19, 1982, in Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Gary and Judy Banks of St. Joe; a sister, Candace M. Banks of St. Joe; and a paternal grandmother, Geneva Banks of Auburn.

His maternal grandparents and his paternal grandfather preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Ministries and the Spencerville Fire Department.

Robert Mason

AUBURN — Robert L. Mason, 83, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mason was a farmer and retired from International Harvester in 1983 after 30 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born March 2, 1919, in Auburn to Henry Samuel Mason and Mary Ellen (Myers) Mason.

On Oct. 19, 1941, he married Maxine E. Griswold. She survives.

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Also surviving are a daughter, Sandra Kay Wespon of Douglasville, Ga., a sister, Helen Leas of Mesa Ariz.; five grandchildren, Brock, Amy, Scott, and Sue Wilson and Debbie Vaughn; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Kraus officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Betty Brown

BUTLER — Betty M. Nichols Brown, 77, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home of Butler.

Mrs. Brown was the co-owner and operator of the Brown Furniture and Hardware Store in St. Joe for 25 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born April 14, 1925, in Orangeville to Simon and Hazel Nichols, Both parents are deceased.

On Dec. 1, 1941, she married Ivan J. Brown in Auburn. He survives,

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nick and Carol Brown of Lafayette, Steve and Karen Brown of Waterloo and Brad Brown of Woodburn; a daughter, Cathy Bowen of Butler, 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Nichols, and a son-in-law, Rick Bowen.

Private graveside services will take place Saturday in Newville Cemetery. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Edward Newbauer

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Edward T. Newbauer, 83, longtime Montgomery, Mich., resident, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Hillsdale Community Health Center, Hillsdale, Mich.

On Nov. 22, 1919, in Garrett, he was born to Frank and Loretta (Shelby) Newbauer. On Oct. 20, 1945, he married Donna Mason. She survives.

He had been employed at Homer Foundry in Coldwater, Mich., the Basket Factory and retired from St. John Furniture Store and Funeral Home, Camden, Mich.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Donald Sattison of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Denise Newbauer of Fremont; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Mary Newbauer of Montgomery, and Raymond and Beverly Newbauer of Fremont; a grandson, Bruce Sattison of Fremont; a granddaughter and her husband, Susie and Richard Adams of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren, Trevor and Brittany Adams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with Pastor Dale Miller officiating. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Montgomery United Brethren Church.

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FORT WAYNE — **Hubert V. Dowty**, 90, of Fort Wayne, died at 2:35 a.m. Thursday at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. No public services or calling hours. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

ANGOLA — **Samuel F. Osborne**, 75, of Angola, died Thursday at his home. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling from 2 to 2 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Calvin T. Neuhouser**, 74, Fort Wayne, died Thursday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

KIMMELL — **Marcella Lubomirski**, 59, of Kimmell, formerly of Fort Wayne and Big Lake, died at 12:37 a.m. Thursday. No funeral services will be held. Calling is noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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Mary Buck

AUBURN — Mary Buck, 90, of Auburn, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at Garrett.

Mrs. Buck served for 20 years as a secretary at the Veterans Hospital in Detroit. She retired in 1957.

She was born Jan. 3, 1912, in Michigan.

Her husband, Samuel L. Buck, died May 10, 1999.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, James M. and Mary Stein of Auburn, and many other nieces and nephews.

There will be no services or calling, McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being republished to correct errors.

Samuel Osborne

ANGOLA — Samuel P. Osborne, 75, of Angola, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at his home.

On Feb. 8, 1927, in Angola, he was born to Heman and Hope (Hornbrook) Osborne. He married Mary Auten on Jan. 20, 1951. She survives.

He retired from the Tri-State University maintenance department and also worked for Waite Construction as a carpenter. Mr. Osborne was also a self-employed carpenter.

He attended Angola Church of the Nazarene and was a life member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Paul Osborne of Mesick, Mich., Michael Osborne of Fort Wayne, and Steven Osborne of Angola; two daughters, Nancy Rust of Angola, and Paulette Shaner of Paulding, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Osborne of Angola, and Charles Osborne of Santa Clarita, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Don Osborne, and three sisters, Betty Kaufman, Patricia Golden and Nancy Carol Osborne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Nazarene Church Building Fund.

Vera Wheeler

COMMERCE, Ga. — Vera Emiline Wheeler, 87, Commerce, Ga., died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at BJC Nursing Home, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Wheeler was the daughter of Charlie A. and Bertha (Purcell) Wheeler, and was a native of Jackson County, Ga.

Surviving are three sisters, Hazel Clark of Culpepper, Va., Jetteree Hull of Spencerville, and Gwynola Smitherman of Athens, Ga.

Services are today at 2:30 p.m. at Ivie Chapel, Commerce, with Robert Flipo, Terry Ault and Eric Hahn. Burial will be in Jackson Memorial Park.

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Carol Charles

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Lynn Charles, 63, Kendallville, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Charles

Mrs. Charles was born June 28, 1939, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Walter and Frances Grace (Maxwell) Wilson. She had lived in Kendallville since 1957, coming from Hicksville, Ohio.

She was a homemaker and a member of the board of Reliable Tool in Kendallville. Her hobbies were playing cards, friends, movies and traveling.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Eric Burtch of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kelly and Jennifer Charles and Arthur Charles, all of Kendallville; a sister, Jo Swartz of Wapokoneta, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Kevin and Michael Charles, Phillip Lamonte, and Macy and Daniel Burtch.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Calvin Neuhouser

FORT WAYNE — Calvin T. Neuhouser, 74, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of rural Allen County, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at his residence. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past six months.

Mr. Neuhouser was born on Sept. 28, 1928, in Cedar Creek Township in Allen County, to Joseph S. and Hattie K. (Tonkel) Neuhouser. He moved to Leo as a child with his parents, and later lived in Eel River Township as a youth.

His marriage was on May 24, 1947, in Wakarusa, to Fern L. Miller. The couple spent most of their married lives in rural Perry Township in Allen County, and moved to Fort Wayne in 1986.

An employee of Slaughter Hardware Wholesalers in Fort Wayne for 37 years, he retired in 1991 as a sales representative for Kruse Hardware in Cincinnati after 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Fern; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph and Cindy and Kenton Neuhouser, all of Fort Wayne, and Frederick Neuhouser of Ithica, N.Y.; a daughter, Connie Neuhouser of Kenwood, Calif.; two sisters, Eva Leis of Fort Wayne and Mary Crossgrove of Leo-Cedarville; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Ruth Neuhouser of Upland; and two granddaughters, Jessica Voors and Makkie Neuhouser, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Kathleen, Bonnie and K. Lorraine Neuhouser.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Verlin Haarer officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, or to the Lutheran Hospital Heart Transplant Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ashley Kincaid

CHURUBUSCO — Ashley Nicole Kincaid, 15, Lexington, Ky., died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, in the emergency room at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after collapsing unexpectedly at the residence of her grandmother in Churubusco.

Miss Kinkaid

Miss Kincaid was born Feb. 12, 1987, in Lexington, to David and Kathy (Bush) Kincaid. She was a sophomore at Dunbar High School in Lexington, where she was active in LLC and served as a Red Cross volunteer.

Surviving are her parents; a brother, Jason Kincaid of Lexington; a sister, Amanda Kincaid of Lexington; maternal grandmother, Marie Bush of Churubusco; maternal great-grandmother, Eva Smith of Muncie; four uncles and two aunts, Douglas Kincaid of Fort Wayne, Donald and Elaine Kincaid of Columbia City, Mark Bush of Churubusco and Mike and Linda Bush of Danville, Ky.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Calling will be at the mortuary from 5 p.m. until the time of the service on Monday.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Lester Krontz

BUTLER — Lester D. Krontz, 62, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at 8 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Krontz lived in Butler and was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio. He graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1958.

He was retired from Griffith Rubber Co. of Garrett and was a past member of the Hicksville post of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 2, 1939, in Hicksville to Albert and Alice (Delong) Krontz. They preceded him in death.

He married Rosalee Wurster on Feb. 25, 1977, in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Kristine Guest, Alice Goode and Victoria Marihugh, all of Albuquerque, N.M., Nancy Krontz of Las Vegas, Nev., Leslie Brown of Butler and Lisa Harter of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Lori Grunden of Hicksville, Tracie Salazar of Odessa, Texas, Amy Miller of Payne, Ohio, and Mindy Wilson of Bryan, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery of northeastern Allen County.

Calling is tonight at 7 at the funeral home.

Thomas Fischer

AVILLA — Thomas James Fischer, 55, died at his home at 12:38 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002.

Mr. Fischer was a lifetime resident of Avilla. He was a truck driver for USF Holland.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. He was past commander of Rome City American Legion Post 381, a past Grand Knight of the Kendallville Knights of Columbus, a charter member of the Avilla Kiwanis Club and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born in Garrett on Dec. 24, 1946, to William A. and Victoria R. (Case) Fischer. His mother survives in Avilla.

He married Nancy Jo Barrett on Aug. 9, 1969, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

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Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas W. and Christie Fischer of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tammara J. and Anthony Manier of Rome City and Amy L. Fischer of Avilla; three grandchildren, Tabitha Jo Manier, Noah Fischer and Makenzie Manier; three brothers, Donald and Stephen Fischer, both of Fort Wayne and Charles Fischer of Leo; and six sisters, Delores Lamb and Alice Hooth, both of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy Lamb of Auburn and Roberta Montel of Avilla.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with military services by American Legion Post 381.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m., in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Judy Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Judy K. Kilburn, 59, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kilburn was a homemaker.

She was born in Kendallville on Nov. 5, 1943, to Moses Leon and Betty Jean (Cook) Olwine Guthrie. Her father preceded her in death in 1976 and her mother died in 2001.

She married Jessie Maurice Kilburn on Jan. 19, 1960, in Brimfield. He survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Theresa Messer of Rome City and Tasha and Thea Kilburn, both of Kendallville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Kilburn of Rome City, Shawn and Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville, Sean and Lenore Kilburn of Helmer and Seth Kilburn of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Penny and David Dickey of Kendallville, Phyllis and Larry McGahen of Kendallville, and Mary Helen and Clyde Rollins of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Ruth Guthrie of Kendallville, and Greg and Judy Guthrie of Kendallville; and her stepfather and his wife, James and Betty Olwine of Kendallville.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Jewish Hospital of Louisville, Ky.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Wohlers

BRONSON, Mich. — Margaret A. Wohlers, 60, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wohlers was house manager for Your Friends & Neighbors in Fort Wayne and owner of Bear Hug Day Care in Angola. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Bronson, and the Peo, Beta Sigma Phi and Tri Kappa sororities.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., on June 8, 1942, to Ronald and Evelyn (Wilson) Klingler.

She married Sheldon Wohlers in Bronson on Dec. 10, 1961. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steve Wohlers of Wolcottville; one daughter, Kimberly Wohlers of Battle Creek, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Landon and Lydia Wohlers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, with the Rev. Dale Walterhouse officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, East Gilead, Mich.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Kambly Living Center in Battle Creek.

Area Deaths

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — **Marjorie M. Leichty**, 74, formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach. Services were held at the New Smyrna Beach Church of the Nazarene.

LAGRANGE — **Carrie Lynn Schemahorn**, 21, died Saturday as the result of an auto accident in LaGrange County. Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home

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LIGONIER — **Mary Bessie Snow**, 93, died Friday in Avalon Village, Ligonier. Services were today at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Gene Flickinger, pastor of Wayne Center United Methodist Church, officiating. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Marvin R. Curtis**, 64, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, with calling Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Carroll Davis**, 74, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. O. Dale Mead**, 77, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at North Park Community Church, with calling Tuesday from 2- 4 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul F. Wiedeman**, 85, died Friday at home. No services or calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Ernest H. Jackemeyer**, 95, formerly of New Haven, died Friday at Canterbury on the Lakes, Waterford, Mich. Services were today at 11 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, with graveside services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Calling today from 6 to 8 p.m. at E. Harper and Son Funeral home.

Geraldine Jernigan

AUBURN — Geraldine Jernigan, 87, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Jernigan

Mrs. Jernigan worked as a finisher for Cooper in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Auxiliary.

She was born March 16, 1926, in Esto, Fla., to Matthew Lee McKinney and Addie Bell (Griffin) McKinney.

On July 29, 1943, in Pensacola, Fla., she married Paul R. Jernigan Sr. He died Feb. 17, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont, John and Sigrid Jernigan of Auburn, and Roger and Diane Jernigan of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonita K. and Ronnie Howe of Auburn; a daughter, Brenda D. Boylan of Auburn; a brother, Ulton McKinney of Cantonment, Fla.; two half-sisters, Juanita Summerlin and Alma Virginia Edwards; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Robert, Edward, and Milton McKinney, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church.

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Mary Oberlin

ASHLEY — Mary L. Oberlin, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, in her Ashley home. She had been in failing health for the past several years.

She was born May 31, 1930, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Frank and Ida (Berger) Abbott.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Carol Martin of Angola and Gary and Cynthia Martin of Denver, Colo.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Smith of Auburn and Linda and Jerry Bungard of Butler; a sister, Evelyn Roberts of Worth, Ill.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Russell Abbott of Des Moines and Raymond and Kathleen Abbott of Oskalossa, Iowa; two sisters-in-law, Lorna Abbott of Tumwater, Wash., and Betty Abbott of Golden, Colo.; 14 grandchildren, Bridgett Ostrander of Angola, Robert Martin of Fort Wayne, Vickie Jenkins of Kendallville, Christina Renshaw of Angola, James, Stephen, Joseph, Douglas and Debbie Martin, all of Angola, Orland and Jerry Smith, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., Heather Janney of Lafayette, Troy Bungard of Waterloo, and Christopher Martin of Virginia Beach, Va; seven great-grandchildren, Kyle Ostrander of Angola, Nicole Renshaw and Amanda Gromaski of Angola, Britney, Tyler, and Derek Smith of Grand Rapids, and Carter Bungard of Waterloo; and one step-great-grandchild, Zachary Jenkins of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Harry, Willard, Howard, and Clarence, and two sisters, Leona Grover and Margaret Neese.

Feller Funeral Home is assisting the family with cremation arrangements. There will be no calling. A private family memorial service will take place at a later date.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Wanda E. Frey**, 62, died Sunday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Wes Yoder officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ralph R. Augspurger**, 91, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Wednesday at noon at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **William Baker**, 71, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Third Street Church of God, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Kenneth A. Biery**, 89, died Monday at Regency Place. Arrangements pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Hermine P. Bredemeyer**, 92, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at Emmaus Lutheran Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **William B. Conner**, 48, died Saturday at home. Graveside services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at New Haven IOOF Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn C. Crockett**, 97, died Sunday. Services today at 11 a.m. today at Chiles & Sons Laman Shawnee Chapel, Lima, Ohio, with calling one hour before services.

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FORT WAYNE — **Harry H. Fonner**, 71, died Monday at Dupont Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James Weise Wynn**, 42, died Nov. 22 at Englewood Health Care. Memorial services Thursday at 7 p.m. at Forrest Park United Methodist Church. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Cathryn McGough**, 81, died Sunday at Kingston Dupont. No services. Calling Wednesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Pickett Funeral Service.

FORT WAYNE — **James E. Salisbury**, 65, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Connie J. Sark**, 63, died Monday at Hospice of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **James Edward Smith Sr.**, 91, died Friday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Turner Chapel AME Church, with calling Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church, with Hametic Elks Lodge memorial service at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Eric Swardson**, 30, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville, Ky. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling four hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sharon Kay Thompson**, 60, died Saturday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Waynedale United Methodist Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church. Graveside services Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Lisbon Cemetery, Union City.

FORT WAYNE — **Berneta E. Troup**, 92, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

Robert Anderson

HUDSON — Robert J. Anderson, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, at 9 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Anderson was a retired farmer and also retired from Starcraft in Topeka. He lived in rural Hudson for 46 years and attended the Stroh Church of Christ.

Mr. Anderson

He was born April 21, 1917, in Michigan to John and Alice (Hartley) Anderson.

He married Dorothy L. Shultz on Dec. 5, 1936, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Anderson of Hudson; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Keith Young of Pleasant Lake, Vicki and Jeff Baltes of LaGrange, and Kathy Lash and her fiancé, Bill Byrne, of Orland; a brother, Earl of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherri Anderson in 1960, a foster son, Chuck Rowlison, and a brother, Vern.

Graveside services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in Wright Cemetery of rural Hudson, with Mike Hamm officiating.

There will be private family calling. Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, 425 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 308, South Bend, IN 46601.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Eva Mason

AUBURN — Eva Mason, 75, of Auburn, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at 6 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mason worked at the Brighton Mushroom Factory, a division of Campbell Soup Co., in Howe.

Mrs. Mason

She was born Dec. 9, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio, to Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields.

On Feb. 9, 1946, she married Floyd Mason. He died Dec. 23, 1998.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, Ernest and Marcella Mason of Elmira, Steven and Deb Mason of Fremont, Kenneth Mason of Angola, Ron and Darlene Mason of Angola, Bill and Barb Mason of Angola, and Roger Mason of Angola; four daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Allen Jones of Waterloo, Linda and Charlie Nelson of Hamilton, Norma and Mike Emerick of Angola, and Loretta and Dave Garman of Auburn; 33 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alfred and Dorsey Fields, a half-brother, Howard Meadows, and two sisters, Grace Helton and Pauline Carpenter.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Richard Davis

FORT WAYNE — Richard M. Davis, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. Davis lived in Fort Wayne before moving to Arizona. He retired from General Electric.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 740 in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born July 11, 1923, in St. Joe to Stanley E. and Claudia (Poper) Davis.

Surviving are two sons, Kim of Mexico and Stan of Yuma, Ariz.; a daughter, Dawn Davis Resac of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lola Rucker of St. Joe; a brother, Roland Davis of Auburn; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Arizona.

Calling is Saturday after 12 noon at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio. A Masonic service will begin Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information about survivors.

Betty Brown

BUTLER — Betty M. Nichols Brown, 77, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Brown co-owned and operated Brown Furniture and Hardware in St. Joe for 25 years before retiring in 1986.

She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born April 14, 1925, in Orangeville to Simon and Hazel Nichols.

She married Ivan J. Brown on Dec. 1, 1941, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Steven W. Brown of Waterloo, Nick L. Brown of West Lafayette and Bradley K. Brown of Woodburn; a daughter, Cathy Bowen of Butler; a sister, Maxine Wasson of St. Louis, Mo.; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Rick Bowen, and a brother, Wayne Nichols.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 30, at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial was in Newville Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Anna Blume

AUBURN — Anna Louise Blume, 71, of Auburn, died Nov. 26, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mrs. Blume was a homemaker. She graduated from South Side High School in 1949.

She was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Fort Wayne, to Adam and Arlene I. (McCague) Baumgardener.

Her husband, Billy A. Blume, preceded her in death on March 28, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Cook of Auburn and Pamela Crossman of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Price of Cross Plains, Wis.; and three grandchildren, Heather Crossman of Big Rapids, Mich., Daniel Crossman of Arizona, and Michael Crossman of Grand Rapids.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Dawson Badger

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Dawson Samuel Badger was stillborn Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002.

Surviving are his parents, Sandal Badger Jr. and Dina Hammons, both of of Defiance, Ohio; a sister, Alissa Mendez of Defiance, Ohio; five grandparents, Marlene and Allen Greear of Auburn, Richard and Brenda Nafzinger of Westerville, Ohio, and Sandal Badger Sr. of Sheffield, Pa.; and three great-grandparents, Roy and Gaywell Greear of Kingsport, Ind. and Edna Balko of Grove City, Pa.

He was preceded in death by Mayward DePew of Milford, Del., James and Flossie George of Auburn, and Mary Louise Coselman of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 3-9 p.m. at Mast and Mock Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio. Burial arrangements are pending.

Area Deaths

CHANNELVIEW, Texas — **Joyce N. (Bonar) Thomas**, 75, formerly of Kendallville, died on Nov. 24. Memorial services were held Tuesday at Old River Terrace United Methodist Church in Channelview.

FORT WAYNE — **Treva L. Bowman**, 78, died Tuesday at University Park Nursing Home. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Roselma A. Dale**, 85, formerly of New Haven, died Monday at Parkview Whitley Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Trier Ridge Community Church of God, with calling Thursday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Scott R. Ellis**, 30, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Graveside services Friday at 1 p.m. at Schiffler Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Isaac Essex Sr.**, 95, of Selma, Ala., died Sunday at home. Services Saturday in Alabama at 1 p.m. at Marion Baptist Academy, with calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Renee Sue Favory**, 49, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at her home in Tucson, Ariz. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Roy E. Harris**, 73, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at his home in Battle Creek, Mich. Memorial services Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Battle Creek, with calling Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home and rosary at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Idella Smith Jones**, 77, died Thursday at Select Specialty Hospital. Services Saturday at noon at Come As You Are Community Church, with calling Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Jan Jean VanAuken Leeper**, 78, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, with calling Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Harold Looper**, 62, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services today at noon at Ellis Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sadie Hudlow Mercer**, 79, died Monday at Life Care Center. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna Lee Simmons**, 71, died Monday at University Hospital, Indianapolis. Services Thursday at 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Catherine Street**, 75, died Nov. 27 in Chicago. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Greater Mount Ararat Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Gerald S. O'Morrow**, 73, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Nov. 9 in Invergargill, New Zealand. Memorial services Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Christiansburg, Va.

Geraldine Jernigan

AUBURN — Geraldine Jernigan, 76, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Jernigan worked as a finisher for Cooper in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jernigan

She was born March 16, 1926, in Esto, Fla., to Matthew Lee McKinney and Addie Bell (Griffin) McKinney.

On July 29, 1943, in Pensacola, Fla., she married Paul R. Jernigan Sr. He died Feb. 17, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont, John and Sigrid Jernigan of Auburn, and Roger and Diane Jernigan of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonita K. and Ronnie Howe of Auburn; a daughter, Brenda D. Boylan of Auburn; a brother, Ulton McKinney of Cantonment, Fla..; two half-sisters, Juanita Summerlin and Alma Virginia Edwards; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Robert, Edward, and Milton McKinney, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church.

Eldon Diehm

AVILLA — Eldon E. Diehm, 83, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at 9:32 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Diehm was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. He retired from Northern Indiana Fuel and Light in Auburn after 15 years of service.

Mr. Diehm

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He was born in Avilla on March 27, 1919, to Albert and Emma (Wolf) Diehm.

He married Betty Moore in Avilla on April 8, 1944. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Phil Hudson and Marilyn and Richard Parker, all of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Melissa Perez, Michelle Corner, Matthew Parker and Kent Parker; six great-grandchildren, Gage Corner, Gabrielle Corner, Benjamin Perez, Isabel Perez, Logan Parker and Madison Parker; one brother, Freeman Diehm of Rome City; and one sister, Clara Hanes of Kendallville.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church at Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Sheryl Gravely

HAMILTON — Sheryl Marie (Damron) Gravely, 23, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, of injuries sustained in an auto accident at C.R. 300E and C.R. 600S in Steuben County.

She was an employee in the advertising department of Kendallville Publishing Co. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Gravely

She was born in Angola on March 25, 1979, to John Damron and Belinda Smolek.

She was married to Emanuel Gravely. He survives in Orlando, Fla.

Also surviving are her father and stepmother, John and Ann Damron of Hamilton; her mother, Belinda "Lindy" Smolek of Hope Mills, N.C.; her grandparents, Claude Damron of Hamilton, Tom and Judy Doehrman of Angola, Don and Judy Peel of Hamilton; one great-grandfather, Arvin Blickenstaff of Butler; a brother, Nicholas Smolek of Hope Mills, N.C.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County United Way.

Ralph Sample

HUDSON — Ralph S. Sample, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at 3:20 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Henry Duncan Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Henry Howard Duncan Jr., 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at 9:26 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Duncan retired from Rose Exterminators in Fort Wayne as a technician in 1991. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Nov. 25, 1925, in Midway, Ky., to Henry Howard Sr. and Ludie (Ackerman) Duncan.

His wife, Hazel I. Avis, survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Brenda Bowser of Auburn, Karen Duncan of Indianapolis, and Dawn Kaiser, Donna Martin and Gwen Veljkovic, all of Fort Wayne; two sons, Dale Duncan of Euless, Texas, and Ronald Duncan of Batavia, Ill.; four sisters, Hazel McGaughey of Lawrenceburg, Ky., Viola Flora of Frankfort, Ky., Lida Spencer of Midway, Ky. and Betty Hall of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Leslie Duncan of Midway, Ky., and Joseph and Emmett Duncan, both of Lexington, Ky; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Haley Crocker.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Rod Buzzard will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from Friday 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Wilbur W. Tjarks**, 85, died Wednesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

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HOWE — **John "Woody" Wood Jr.**, 72, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Memorial services are Saturday at 4 p.m. at Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge Hall in LaGrange, with the Rev. Mardell Wilson officiating.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeanette Ashley** died Tuesday at Heritage Park Health Care Center. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **William E. Billue**, 81, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Garth N. Haines**, 78, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at his home in Naperville, Ill. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Nine Mile United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret Dixon Hassig**, 92, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Forest Park United Methodist Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **James Irby Sr.**, 70, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Frank B. Koehl**, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at South Bay Hospital, Sun City Center, Fla. Memorial services in Florida at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Jimmie Lee Mamon**, 59, died Friday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Edwin H. Olson**, 74, died Monday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Lloyd M. Pinkerton**, 81, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with calling following services in McKay Hall.

Nancy Crowe

AUBURN — Nancy M. Crowe, 60, of rural Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at 1:37 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crowe lived in the Auburn area for 58 years. She worked as an accounts payable clerk for the City of Auburn clerk-treasurer's office until the time of her death. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in rural Garrett.

She was born May 24, 1942, in Wauseon, Ohio to Walter S. and Mary (Smith) Helf. Her parents survive in Auburn.

She married David A. Crowe on Jan. 5, 1963, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Chris Crowe of Bluffton, Brent Crowe of Dover, Ohio, and Timothy Crowe of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Karen S. Smith of Waterloo; and four grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 429 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Send condolences by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ralph Sample

HUDSON — Ralph S. Sample, 92, of rural Hudson, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Sample was born Nov. 17, 1910, in Marvel, Ark., to Andrew and Samantha (DeWitt) Sample.

He retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne in 1972 after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Helmer United Methodist Church, Ossian Masonic Lodge No. 297 and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

He married Opal E. Haggerty on June 18, 1930, in Fort Wayne. She died Oct. 3, 2002.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Kathy Chambers of Muncie and Keith Sample of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, Kyle and Taylor Sample and Shawn Dentel; and a great-great-grandchild, Kade Dentel.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Sample Jr., on July 10, 2000.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be two hours before services. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Anna Blume

AUBURN — Anna Louise Blume, 71, of Auburn, died Nov. 26, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mrs. Blume was a homemaker. She graduated from South Side High School in 1949.

She was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Fort Wayne, to Adam and Arlene I. (McCague) Baumgartner. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her husband, Billy A. Blume, preceded her in death on March 28, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Cook of Auburn and Pamela Crossman of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Price of Cross Plains, Wis.; and three grandchildren, Heather Crossman of Big Rapids, Mich., Danielle Crossman of Arizona, and Michael Crossman of Grand Rapids.

Graveside services will be held today at 10 a.m. in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Emma J. Rinehart**, 88, died Wednesday at St. Anne Home. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Elizabeth A. Van Meter**, 85, died Thursday at home. Services Sunday at 3 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

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Molly Hoffman

AUBURN — Molly LeAnn Hoffman, 6 weeks old, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, Jason and Marie Hoffman of Auburn; two sisters, Marissa and Madeline Hoffman, both at home; and her grandparents, Tom and Jane York of Defiance, Ohio, Nancy Caywood of St. Joe, John and Angela Borack of Connecticut and Shaun and Bonnie Hoffman of Defiance, Ohio.

Graveside services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Carr

FORT WAYNE — Virginia E. Carr, 85, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born in Mentone, she was a homemaker and enjoyed the outdoors, birdwatching, camping and watching television.

She is survived by her husband, Noah James of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Melody Ann Morrow of Hamilton; two sisters, Betty and Phyllis, both of Warsaw; one brother, Harold Ross of Oregon; three grandsons, nine great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Fones

MURRAY, Ky. — Mary Frances Fones, 65, of Murray, Ky., died Thursday, Dec. 5, at 4:09 p.m., in Lourdes Hospital at Paducah, Ky.

Mrs. Fones was born July 9, 1937, in Garrett. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Murray and the Fellowship Sunday School Class. She was a former drive chairperson for the American Red Cross.

On March 22, 1968, she married Harold L. Fones . He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy Jo Walcher of Clarksville, Tenn., and Laura Lee Winchester of Murray; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Debi Black of Murray; one brother and sister-in-law, Vearl and Lucille Smith of Lake Side, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Ceci Varnell, Diana Bess, Melanie Coleman, Trey Smith, Jennifer Smith, Devon Winchester and Victoria Winchester; seven great-grandchildren, Kimberly Bess, Donavana Cavitt, Zachary Bess, Dustyn Varnell, Dawson Varnell, Michael Gajewski and Amber Coleman; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Pepple of Auburn; a nephew, Tom Pepple of Waterloo; and a niece, Karen Bishop of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis Gilbert Smith and Kathryn Cornelius Ramey Smith.

Funeral services will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. in J.H. Churchill Funeral Home of Murray, with the Rev. Kendrick Lewis officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Coles Camp Ground Cemetery.

Glen Grate

KENDALLVILLE — Glen J. Grate, 84, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at his residence.

Before retiring in 1980, Mr. Grate was a supervisor at Newman Foundry in Kendallville. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville, where he enjoyed playing euchre with friends.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from March 10, 1943, to March 6, 1946, and attained the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the 497th Port Battalion Company A and served in the China, Burma and India theater.

He enjoyed the outdoors, nature and country drives in Michigan. He liked visiting family in Montana and loved to have his grandchildren around him.

He was born Feb. 9, 1918, in Steuben County, near Hudson, to Glen and Elpha (Thompson) Grate. He married Bonnabelle (Baker) Westphal on June 7, 1947, in Syracuse. She preceded him in death on Sept. 8, 1978. He then married Betty J. (Stout) Strater on Feb. 19, 1987, in Paw Paw, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepsons and one stepdaughter-in-law, Earl Vining of Bozeman, Mont., and Clairdon and Connie Strater of Garrett; five stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Sally Hicks, Carol Henry, Barbara and Jerry Mortimore, and Carolyn and Denzil Terry, all of Kendallville, and Lenore "Cookie" Baird of LaGrange; a sister, Wilma Treesh of Auburn; a brother, George Grate of Kendallville; 22 stepgrandchildren; 18 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Harold "Buddy" Westphal, and two brothers, Paul Grate and Chester Grate.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Douglas H. Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Bernette Betty Baldridge**, 82, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton. No calling.

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Isaac King

LIGONIER — Isaac W. King, 86, of Ligonier, died at 4 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, in Oak Leaf Village Nursing Center, Ligonier.

On Dec. 14, 1915, in Whitley County, he was born to Volnie and Bertha (McConnell) King. He married Pearl M. Hershberger on Dec. 27, 1936, in Merriam. She preceded him in death on May 29, 1998.

Mr. King graduated from Ligonier High School in 1937, and was a member of the Kendallville Church of Christ. He enjoyed pitching horseshoes and gardening.

He worked as a swimming pool installer, farmer, carpenter and mechanic.

Surviving are a sister, Evelyn Rimmell, Niles, Mich., and 10 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, a daughter, Patricia Ann King, a brother, Clayton King, and three sisters, Lucille Rhinehart, Louisa Biddle and Mary Patton preceded him in death.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Rev. Arvill Brown officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery,

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Church of Christ.

John Hughes

FORT WAYNE — John Richard Hughes, 70, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:37 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

On June 18, 1932, in Fort Wayne, he was born to John D. and Mildred (Devlin) Hughes. They're deceased.

He was a lifetime Fort Wayne resident and an independent sales representative.

Mr. Hughes was a Korean War veteran and a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are: his ex-wife Donna L. Borcherding, Fort Wayne; a son, Michael (Kelly) Hughes, Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Ella Hughes, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel, Avilla, with Fr. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial is in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 9 a.m. until service time Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Olive Frederick

AUBURN — Olive M. Frederick, 94, formerly of Hudson, died at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec., 7, 2002, in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn.

On Aug. 9, 1908, in Garrett, she was born to Henry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl. She married Trevor Frederick on Dec. 24, 1938. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1998.

She retired from teaching school after 40 years and was a member of the retired teachers association and Hudson Garden Club.

Surviving are: two sisters, Ilif Behrens, Howe, and Lois Yarde, Avilla; eight nieces; six nephews; seven great nieces; and 18 great nephews.

In addition to her husband, two sisters, Laree Hammel and Thelma Pomeroy, and three brothers, Ernest, Ford and Glen Diehl, a niece and a great nephew preceded her in death.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be emailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Deaths & Funerals

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002

AVILLA — **Martha (Crothers) Rhodes**, 91, died Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services are Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before services at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Gary D. Cheeseman**, 53, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Church of God in LaGrange, with the Rev. Mark Denny officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Helen Lucile McClure**, 86, died Sunday at her home on Tri Lakes. Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Revs. Barry Faucett and Tim Kumfer officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Paul H. Diehm**, 77, died Sunday at Life Care Center in LaGrange. Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **John Richard Hughes**, 70, died Friday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services were today at 10:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel, with calling beginning at 9 a.m. Father Daniel Leeuw officiated.

FORT WAYNE — **Sister Laverne Berge**, P.H.J.C., 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Donaldson. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, with calling Tuesday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kasper Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Louis J. Leonard**, 81, died Saturday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth H. Marvin**, 83, died Saturday at Ossian Health Care. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Leland F. Overmyer**, 81, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Silas D. Raines**, 66, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Services today at 2 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling one half-hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James Raymond Smith**, 44, died Saturday at home. Memorial services Tuesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

NEW HAVEN — **Marguerite L. Borausky**, 91, died Saturday at Harborside Health Care in New Haven. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one half-hour before services.

Mary Heath

FORT WAYNE — Mary E. Heath, 79, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at the Bethlehem Wood Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heath was a homemaker, a teacher's aide and part-time secretary for the Croninger Elementary School, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Christ's Church at Georgetown in Fort Wayne, where she was a Sunday school teacher in the children's department.

She was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Paulding County, Ohio, to John Karl and Josephine (Shaw) Sinn.

On May 31, 1942, she married John R. Heath. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Daniel and Yvonne Heath of LaGrange and Bradley K. Heath of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and John Bennett of Garrett; one sister, Helen Treece of Briceton, Ohio; one brother, John R. Sinn of Ohio City, Ohio; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Kathryn Craft.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio, with Minister Jerry Paul officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, Ohio.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4and 6-8 p.m., and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850.

Virginia Owens

WOLCOTTVILLE — Virginia E. Owens, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at 11:20 a.m. at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Owens had worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville for several years, retiring in 1980. She moved from Elkhart and lived in the Wolcottville area for the last 60 years.

She was born in Elkhart on Aug. 9, 1917, to Raymond and Clara (Melborne) Hall.

She married John Hackett in 1937. He died in 1955. She then married Wallace I. Owens. He is also deceased.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Leeanne Hackett of Adams Lake, Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Kim and Allen Willits of Wolcottville, Susan Jones of Corunna and Lisa Smith of Anderson; four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Ruth Hall of Adams Lake, Wolcottville.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating.

There will be no calling.

Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

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FORT WAYNE — **Patricia C. Anzini**, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Florida. Memorial services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Gloria "Jackie" Brown**, 77, died Sunday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Lona C. Carpenter**, 83, died Saturday at Covington Manor Nursing Home. Services Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, with calling after 9:30 a.m. until services.

FORT WAYNE — **James H. Decker**, 86, died Monday at Life Care of Fort Wayne. Graveside services Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Donna M. Duff**, 66, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Community Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **James C. Dyson**, 64, formerly employed at General Motors, died Wednesday in Marion. Services today at 1 p.m. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Marion.

FORT WAYNE — **Steven M. Gonzalez**, infant, died Nov. 20, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital. Graveside services Friday at 2 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **George L. Johnson**, 87, of Rensselaer, died Monday at Jasper County Hospital. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer, with calling Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Miriam B. Kumfer**, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Dec. 1, 2002, in Loma Linda, Calif. Private services. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Jack Reidt**, 77, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Northgate Health Care Center, Marion. Graveside services Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia Irene Richhart Scher**, 84, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and 30 minutes before services.

Eugene Thomas

AUBURN — Eugene A. "Gene" Thomas, 80, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Thomas served as a chief engineer in the Merchant Marine for 26 years, retiring in 1982.

He served in the Merchant Marine from 1942-45 during World War II. In 1959, he continued his career in the U.S. Maritime Service as a 3rd assistant marine engineer. He advanced to 2nd assistant and 1st assistant, then to chief engineer in 1966.

He was the youngest boxer to win a Golden Gloves championship in 1939 and ranked as the Kentucky state middleweight champion in 1940-41. He was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Golden Gloves Hall of Fame.

He was born April 30, 1922, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harry L. and Hazel Blanche (Dickinson) Thomas.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor J. (Trovinger) Thomas; a son, Alan M. Thomas; a daughter, Carole A. Baynes; and a grandson, Edward Thomas.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Reynold, Hoyte and Roland Thomas.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Fund, the Heart Fund or research at the Mayo Clinic.

Frieda Knott

AUBURN — Frieda M. Knott, 94, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

A lifetime Auburn resident, she worked as an accountant at the former Schaab's Department Store. She then worked as a secretary for 20 years, retiring in 1989 from Mefford and Carpenter law offices. She was a 1926 graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the church ladies' guild, and Kappa Kappa Kappa.

She was born July 20, 1908, in Auburn to Fred W. Knott and Cora Estella Heitz.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Robert J. and Eloise Knott of LaOtto; two nieces and their spouses, Barbara and Tony Klies of Conway, Ark., and Judy and Stuart Harshman of Garrett; and six nephews and their spouses, Fred Knott of LaOtto, William and Arlene Knott of LaOtto, Jim and Jackie Knott of Garrett, Dick Wildeson of LaOtto, John Wildeson of Naperville, Ill., and Bob and Jean Bowman of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Opal Bowman and Wilma Wildeson.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Calling is Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Olive Frederick

AUBURN — Former Hudson resident Olive M. Frederick, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Frederick was retired after teaching for 40 years. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Hudson Garden Club.

She was born Aug. 9, 1908, in Garrett, to Henry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl.

She married Trevor Frederick on Dec. 24, 1938. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1998.

Surviving are two sisters, Ilif Behrens of Howe and Lois Yarde of Avilla; eight nieces, six nephews, 18 great-nephews and seven great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Laree Hammel and Thelma Pomeroy, three brothers, Ernest, Ford and Glen Deihl, a niece and a great-nephew.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Herbert Holden

ST. JOE — Lt. Col. Herbert T. Holden, 53, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, in Parris Island, S.C.

He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a Marine for 28 years.

A former resident of St. Joe, he graduated from Eastside High School and was a member of the 1966 sectional championship basketball team. He graduated from Oakland City College and received his master's degree at St. Francis University and George Washington University.

He was born Oct. 16, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Ross E. and Violet I. (Deam) Holden. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Judy Holmes on Dec. 27, 1980, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Holden of Parris Island; a son, Steven Holden of Parris Island; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Merle and Ersell Holden of Nappanee and Richard and Danielle Holden of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Charles Vaughan of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with full military honors by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to Make A Wish Foundation, in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

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Area Deaths

Marvin Ellis

VENICE, Fla. — Marvin Alfred Ellis, 72, of Venice, Fla., died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002.

Mr. Ellis was employed by Logansport Municipal Utilities until June 1968, when he moved to Auburn. In Auburn, he was employed at Royal Industries as a shop supervisor until he retired in February 1992. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Venice.

He was a 33-year-member of the Loyal Order of Moose and was a past governor of the Auburn lodge, where he was awarded the Fellowship Degree. He also served as a trustee at the Venice Lodge and was a popular bingo caller.

He was born Feb. 21, 1930, in Wabash to Alfred D. Ellis and Wilma M. Fruit.

On Feb. 21, 1965, he married Marjorie "Midge" A. Thomas Hatter. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth L. Ellis of Logansport and Marvin A. Ellis Jr. of Butler; two daughters, Kathy R. Ellis Painter of Elkhart and Penny A. Ellis Roberts of Limestone, Tenn.; three stepchildren, Robert J. Hatter of Japan, Jacqueline S. Hatter Wheeler of Garrett and Curtis J. Hatter of Fort Wayne; a sister, Fern June Ellis of Wabash; a half-brother, Merle Gene Ellis of Wabash; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two infant daughters.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Venice Ranch MHP Hall.

The National Cremation Society of Venice, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

KIMMELL — **Helen C. Luckey**, 85, died Tuesday at her home. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, Merriam, with Pastor Steve Pulley officiating. Calling is Friday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church.

AVILLA — **Ann Buckles**, 58, died Tuesday at her home. Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

GOSHEN — **Levi M. Helmuth**, 77, died Tuesday at his home. Services are Friday at 9 a.m. at the home of Sam Miller at 14704 C.R. 28, Goshen, with Bishop Eli Miller officiating. Calling is today after 2 p.m. and all day Thursday at the home of his son, David Helmuth, at 14373 S.R. 4, Goshen.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen I. Bentancourt**, 65, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Wilbur H. Bower**, 93, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Anne P. Dellinger**, 62, died Sunday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Roy Gordon**, 76, died Friday at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Marion. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary C. McCoy**, 89, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Wings of Deliverance Church, with calling Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Steve M. Miller**, 47, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital. Services at a later date at Boys Ranch of Oklahoma City.

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel J. Mojet**, 69, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich. Calling 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Delores E. Sharpe**, 80, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Ann Smith**, 90, died Monday at Golden Years Homestead. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, New Haven, with calling one hour before services.

HARLAN — **Philip William Pulver**, 60, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday at 3 p.m. at Woodburn Missionary Church, with calling Thursday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Anna Bradford

AUBURN — Anna R. Bradford, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Bradford worked in the dining room and kitchen at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 13 years, retiring in 1981.

She was a past member of Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Garrett Eagles, Auburn Moose and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 22, 1916, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Henry Breiclenbaugh and Agnes Trembley.

In 1940 she married John Denes. He died in 1957.

In 1959 she married John Bradford. He died in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, James and Sheila Denes of Louisville, Ky., and Wayne Denes of Jeffersonville; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Larry Steffen of New Port Richey, Fla.; two sisters, Ruth Dailey of Angola and Marie Blankship of Kalamazoo, Mich.; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Catholic Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Hugh Dillon

EDON, Ohio — Hugh H. Dillon, 81, of Edon, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Dillon worked for Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1980, and also worked as a farmer.

A World War II veteran, he was a member of the Reading, Mich., post of the American Legion and the Hamilton Odd Fellows Lodge. He was a charter member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Hudson, Mich., to Ralph and Doris (McNett) Dillon.

On Dec. 23, 1942 in Bryan, Ohio, he married Jeanette W. Gearhart. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Pat Dillon and Larry and Cloidett "George" Dillon, all of Edon; a granddaughter and husband, Lisa and Chad Myers of Hamilton, and another granddaughter, Kendell Dillon, of Edon; two great-granddaughters, Maddison Myers of Hamilton and Dreama Gibbs of Edon; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Roy Carncross of Pittsford, Mich.; two half-sisters and their husbands, Marilyn and Roger Osborn of Edon and Mildred and Don Combs of Manhattan, Kan.; and two stepsisters, Thera Wolf of Tecumseh, Mich., and Frances Leonard of Adrian, Mich.

An infant son and daughter preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals of Williams County — Hospice Care.

Donald Hess

FORT WAYNE — Donald Hubert Hess, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Hess retired in 1987 as a data analyst from ITT after 31 years.

He was born in Avilla.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores M.; two daughters, Ann Ray of Fort Wayne and Kay Gregg of Indianapolis; a son, Lee R. of Zulu; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruth Heffelfinger of Auburn, Eileen Stein of Fort Wayne and Lois Diehm of Kendallville; and three brothers, Howard, Merlyn and George, all of Huntertown.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Crescent Avenue. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, and Saturday one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Sarasota, Fla.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **EvaBelle Malott**, 67, died Monday in Florida South Hospital in Orlando, Fla. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Calling is Friday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

AVILLA — **Sister M. Dolorita Andolina** O.S.F., 93, died Tuesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Calling is Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m., with a wake service at 7 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Samuel R. Miller**, 85, formerly of Churubusco, died at his home today following a lengthy illness. Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

SYRACUSE — **Irene M. Yoder**, 81, formerly of Ligonier, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Clarence H. Durfey**, 82, died Monday at Lawton, Okla. Services, with military honors, are Saturday at 2 p.m. at West Side Church of God, Lawton.

FORT WAYNE — **Lee R. McDuffee**, 94, died Friday in Aiken, S.C. Memorial services are in Aiken Saturday at 2 p.m. at Shellhouse Funeral Home Chapel, with calling following the service.

FORT WAYNE — **Cynthia Hazel Argerbright**, 73, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Clare Roman Catholic Church, Altamont, Ill., with calling today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Kull Funeral Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Baade**, 79, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Kingston Residence of Sylvania, Ohio. Memorial services Saturday at noon at the United Methodist Church in Lambertville, Mich. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert J. Bermes**, 87, died Wednesday at home. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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FORT WAYNE — **Donna S. Van Lingen Boroff**, 59, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Services Saturday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Shirley P. Cruze**, 77, died Tuesday at Regency Place. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, with calling today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymos E. Burdine**, 68, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Louise Payne Gay**, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Dec. 5, 2002, in Canyon Country, Calif. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Jamie P. Grover**, infant, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Private family services at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

FORT WAYNE — **Enoch Hines**, 67, died Saturday at South Point Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Services Friday in Cleveland at Sanctuary Baptist Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Roy Lillard**, 71, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Private services at A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, Louisville, Ky.

FORT WAYNE — **Yun Lou**, 78, died Wednesday at home. Arrangements pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Ira T. Nick**, 76, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at noon at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Evelyn M. Poeppel**, 78, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with calling today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **H. Reign Schondelmayer**, 86, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Elaine Shirey**, 76, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Memorial services today at 2 p.m. at South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Sims Jr.**, 58, died Dec. 4, 2002, at Fort Wayne VA Medical Center. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Earnest Strickland**, 72, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at the VA Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga. Services were held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Mount Airy, Ga.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Vaughan Traylor** died Sunday at home in Boca Raton, Fla. Memorial services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, Lafayette, with rosary at 4:30 p.m. and calling from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **M. Helen Waikel**, 84, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with vigil at 4:30 p.m. and calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **John C. Winter Jr.**, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Houston. Private services pending in Houston.

Dawn Myers

PLEASANT LAKE — Dawn L. Myers, 60, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at 11 p.m. at her home in Pleasant Lake.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Angola.

She was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Branch County, Mich., to Paris and Hazel (Baird) Blanton.

On Aug. 25, 1958, in Angola she married Verlin Myers. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Denny Myers of Hebron, Ky., Rick Myers of Hamilton and Chris Myers of Auburn; one daughter, LaVonne Rowe of Ashley; two brothers, Patrick Blanton and Mike Blanton, both of Ashley; one sister, Carolyn Bail of Medicine Lake, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A sister, Rosa Smith, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dick Sturtz officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or Cameron Cancer Center.

Samuel Miller

COLUMBIA CITY — Samuel R. Miller, 85, formerly of Churubusco, died on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at 3:45 a.m. at his home after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Miller was employed by Fruehauf Trailer Co. in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1981. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Rhineland and Central Europe during World War II. He moved from Huntertown to Churubusco in 1955 and to Columbia City in 1994.

He was born near Monroeville on Aug. 26, 1917, to Howard C. and Ruth B. (Schafer) Miller.

He married Beulah I. Fuqua on May 21, 1949, in Huntertown. She died Nov. 18, 1998.

He also was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a daughter, Tamara S. Miller of Columbia City; a sister, Jane Young of Kendallville; a brother, Bill Miller of Orange, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Bunny Miller of Garrett and Ilene Miller of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with Chaplain Karen Kosberg officiating.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 105 N. Madison St., Columbia City, IN 46725.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Rose Marie Hoot**, 65, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Services are Saturday at noon at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday one hour before services at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna Louise Buck**, 84, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services in Nashville, Tenn., today.

FORT WAYNE — **Elizabeth Friedel**, 90, died Thursday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and vigil at 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church. Calling also Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Oscar Miller Funeral Home in Pittsburgh. Graveside services Monday at 10 a.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard D. Main**, 61, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and vigil at 4:30 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Hai Thach**, 31, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Memorial services Saturday at 3 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Phyllis M. Woolums**, 78, died Thursday. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Calling Saturday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

NEW HAVEN — **Edith W. Schenck**, 86, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Deaths & Funerals

Leon Huss

FREMONT — Leon D. Huss, 64, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Huss was the owner of Oliver Sales Co. Inc., in Angola. He purchased Oliver Sales in 1974 after being employed as a mechanic in 1964. Formerly he worked at L.G. Maxton's in Angola. He was a farmer all of his life.

He was a member of the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Foundation Board. He enjoyed Tri-State University sports and also enjoyed watching Indiana, Purdue and Notre Dame basketball.

He was born Dec. 14, 1937, in Steuben County to Max D. and Martha Grace (Beard) Huss. His mother survives in Angola.

On Oct. 26, 1958, in Angola he married Sharon L. Herendeen. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Shari and Bob Shaw of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Susie Huss of Fremont and Dan and Wendy Huss of Leland, N.C.; his mother-in-law, Helen Kimley of Silver Springs, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Dan Shipe of Pleasant Lake; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. 200-N, Angola. The Rev. Norman Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation, 207 S. Wayne St., Suite A, Angola, IN 46703.

Area Deaths

PLEASANT LAKE — **Nancy A. Spencer**, 47, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling is two hour prior to services.

AVILLA — **Robert M. Fought,** 91, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Brimfield United Methodist Church. Calling is Sunday, 1-7 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

FORT WAYNE — **Neva A. Light**, 99, died Thursday at Town House Center in Fort Wayne after being ill for two months. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery Chapel.

LAGRANGE — **Michael J. Adkins**, 25, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths & Funerals

Sun. Dec. 15, 2002

Wahnetta Bushong

ALBION — Wahnetta "Susie" Bushong, 69, of Albion, died Friday, Dec 13, 2002, at 6 p.m. in Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bushong

She worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco and also as a cook at Albion Jefferson School. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and particularly enjoyed her grandchildren.

She was born March 15, 1933, in Steuben County to Willis and Bertha (Billman) Greenman.

On Sept. 30, 1976, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, she married Glade Bushong. He preceded her in death Sept. 29, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Phil Jacob of Albion and Cathy and Mike Blomberg of Wolcottville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Brenda and John Hoover of Albion, Collette and Don Parker of Fort Wayne and LuAnn and Chuck Spuller of Harbor Springs, Mich.; six grandchildren, Chad, Brad and Shaw Jacob, Angela Kresse, Jodie Kline and Stephanie Evans; nine great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Austin, Tristin and Owen Jacob, Justin, Haley and Alexandrea Kresse and Maria and Nathan Evans; and two sisters, Elinor Conrad of Albion and Phyllis Weibel of New Port Richey, Fla.

Two brothers, Max and Dale Greenman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Brian Vanosdol and the Rev. Mark Denney officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Lorene Sheckles

ANGOLA — Lorene Sheckles, 63, of Fremont, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She was a homemaker and the former owner and manager of 411 Bait & Tackle in Fremont. A 22-year Fremont resident, she moved to the area from Fort Wayne. She enjoyed cooking, keeping house and sitting on her front porch.

She was born May 28, 1939, in Middlesboro, Ky., to Willie and Stella (Evans) Hatfield.

On May 28, 1959, in Monroe, Mich., she married Harold Sheckles. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donna Denis and Terrie Huffstetler of Fremont; two sons, Mike Sheckles and Scott Sheckles, both of Fremont; nine grandchildren, Danny and Jenny Dennis, Megan and Justin Ferris, Jesse Huffstetler, Sean and Dylan Sheckles, Amanda Garrison and Travis Day; and a brother, Billie Ray Hatfield of Syracuse.

A sister and a brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ALS Association, Indiana Chapter, 1980 E. 116th St., Suite 105, Carmel, IN 46032.

Garnet Crist

WARSAW — Garnet Crist, 88, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at 2:45 p.m. at Mason's Health Care Facility in Warsaw.

She was a homemaker and resided in Kosciusko County for the past 17 years. She attended Community Bible Church of Warsaw.

She was born July 8, 1914, in South Milford to George and Sylvia (Eshelman) Bassett.

In August 1939 she married Robert Crist. He preceded her in death in 1967.

Surviving are a son, Dean Crist of Warsaw; two grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A granddaughter, two sisters and eight brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw, with Pastor Bob Courtney officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press, 19168 C.R. 146, New Paris, IN 46553.

E. Ethelyn Kronmiller

WOLF LAKE — E. Ethelyn Kronmiller, 82, of Wolf Lake, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at 10:04 p.m. in the emergency room of Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Kronmiller

She was employed at G.C. Murphy for five years, Wolf and Dessauer for 14 years and L.S. Ayres for 14 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Fort Wayne. She was a graduate of Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind.

She was born April 22, 1920, in Berrien Springs, Mich., to Frank W. and Destie O. (Crendell) Sweany.

She moved to South Bend at the age of 9 and to Fort Wayne in 1943. She had been a resient of Wolf Lake since 1988.

On March 10, 1945, she married Ralph W. Kronmiller. They made their home in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1978.

Surviving are a brother, Gerald W. Sweany of Leesburg, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; and her special friend and cousin, Robert Oliver of Wolf Lake.

Two brothers, Albert and Bartley E. Sweany, and three sisters, Nellie Thiele, Pearl Fisher and Alice Cluchey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Sun. Dec. 15, 2002 (cont)

Clarence Zeigler

COLUMBIA CITY — Clarence E. Zeigler, 90, of rural Churubusco, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at 2:05 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He had resided at the nursing home for nearly four years.

Mr. Zeigler

A well-known Whitley County farmer, he lived in the Churubusco area his entire life. He farmed in Smith Township and had lived at his farm home since 1934. He was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County and the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

He was born in Green Township of Noble County on June 21, 1912, to Jesse B. and Lille F. (Prough) Zeigler.

On Nov. 20, 1941, in Columbia City he married Bernice Dean. She preceded him in death on April 8, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Bonnie Zeigler of rural Churubusco; a stepson and his wife, William E. and Rosemary Berry of rural Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph P. and Dolores Zeigler and Allen E. and Jeanie Zeigler, all of rural Churubusco; six sisters, Mae Wappes of Churubusco, Geraldine Grawcock, Betty Crabill and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Mary Katherine Weaver, and six brothers, Ben, John Henry, Marshal, Lee and Donald O. Zeigler and Jay W. Ziegler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers of Blue River Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Blue River Church of the Brethren Missions Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Annabell Dennie

FORT WAYNE — Annabell Dennie, 79, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

A Fort Wayne native, she retired in 1984 after working for Maloley's grocery as head cashier for 15 years, for General Electric Co. and Allgier's Grocery & Meat Market. She was a member of Avalon Missionary Church. Her hobbies were reading and enjoying her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Darrell D.; two daughters, Nancy A. Teague and Tina M. Dennie, both of Fort Wayne; three sons, Daniel S., Timothy M. and Mark J., all of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Greider of Fort Wayne and Della M. Moore of Eustis, Fla.; a brother, John Keller of Angola; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Diana D., three brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is today 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Cecil Driscoll

VAN CLEVE, Ky. — Cecil Lillian Driscoll, 87, of Van Cleve, Ky., and formerly of Woodburn, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, in Kentucky.

She was a rural Allen County native who retired in 1995 from Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Fla. She served with Faith Mission Ministry of Mitchell, S.D. as a foreign missionary to Guatemala and Cuba. She was also a missionary for World Gospel Mission in Marion, serving in Honduras.

Surviving are two brothers, Marion of Fort Wayne and Allen of Wawaka; and two sisters, Florence Paxton and Bonnie Austin, both of Fort Wayne.

A brother, Arthur, and six sisters, Maud Dager, Ethel Weikart, Hazel Amspaugh, Helen Hattendorf, Madeline Driscoll and Mildred Bade, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Gar Creek Union Cemetery, New Haven.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie E. Stafford**, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at home. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Sara A. Parrish**, 66, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at home. Services are today at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

FORT WAYNE — **E. Darlene Jenkins**, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Regency Place. Services are today at 4 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., with calling two hours prior to services.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald E. Peake**, 55, of Fort Wayne, died Friday in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Aldunda Trier**, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Lutheran Home. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Lutheran Home, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., with calling from noon until services.

FORT WAYNE — **Frieda B. Long**, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday in Fort Wayne. Services will be Tuesday at noon at Taylor United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling also will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Graveside services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Floral Grove Cemetery, West Unity, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard A. Michel**, 70, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at home. Services will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling is also today from 3-7 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

William Bush

PLEASANT LAKE — William E. Bush, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at his home at Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Bush worked as an electrical contractor. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1946 and the U.S. Air Force in 1955.

He was born March 24, 1931, in Steuben County, to Rice and Bessie Bush.

He married Jeanette Wagoner on Feb. 17, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James A. Bush of Ashley and Harold E. "Butch" Bush and Daniel R. Bush, both of Angola; five daughters, Terri Furnish and Joyce Bush, both of Golden Lake, Robin Hammond of Leo, Margie Salinas of Angola and Penny Alwine of Kendallville; a brother, Ted Bush of Arizona; a sister, Mary Born of Bellefontaine, Ohio; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Perry Bush, and a granddaughter, Shallon Bush.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Warren Smith

INDIANAPOLIS — Warren K. Smith, 83, of Indianapolis, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Windsor Manor Nursing Home in Indianapolis.

Mr. Smith formerly lived in Elkhart, where he was a shop worker for Amtrak for several years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Jimtown United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was discharged in 1945.

He was born July 30, 1919, in Steuben County to Waldo E. and Leafa (Kohl) Smith.

Surviving are a brother, Gail Smith of Indianapolis, and a sister, Ruth Mortensen of Arkansas.

Following private services, burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Naomi Keller

FORT WAYNE — Naomi H. Keller, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Keller was a homemaker and a member of the Living Faith Missionary Church of Yoder and the Christian Women's Club. She enjoyed crafts as a hobby.

She was born April 15, 1919, in Cascade, Mont.

Her husband, Howard C. Keller, died July 13, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Leslie Keller of Albion and Norman Keller of Fort Wayne; six daughters, Jeanine Arnett of Butler, Cynthia Bell of Markle and Janet Greenup, Barbara Wise, Martha Becker and Rita Craffey, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, George Argerbright; six sisters, Catherine Manges of Bremen, Lorene Jordan of Olympia, Wash., Pauline Hullinger and Irene Kite, both of Fort Wayne, Helen Friemoth of Elida, Ohio, and Bernice Koenanman of Valdosta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Elzey-Patterson-Kodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society or Woodburn Children's Home.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Opal V. Johnson**, 98, died Sunday at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Laverne E. Bolyard**, 88, died Saturday at Hospice Home. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Welton Brown Sr.**, 74, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with calling Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Vernon Millicent Hayden Howell**, 87, died Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, with calling 10 to 11 a.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Naomi H. Keller**, 83, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, with calling Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosie Morris**, 80, died Thursday at Courtland Health and Rehabilitation. Services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Old Landmark C.O.G.I.C., with calling Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Anderson Woods**, 51, died Friday at Riverbend Healthcare Center. Services Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

Deaths & Funerals

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002

Dorothy Waluk

AUBURN — Dorothy Mae (Rieke) Waluk, 77, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at her home, surrounded by the love of her four daughters, family and friends.

Mrs. Waluk

She was born to Irvin and Edna Lee (Tough) Rieke on March 4, 1925, in Auburn.

Her adolescent years were shared between Auburn, Wolf Creek, Mont., Morton Grove, Ill., and Fairfax, Va., where she attended junior college.

She married Edward Waluk on Feb. 14, 1946. They began their marriage in Chicago, where her first daughter was born. The family moved to an Auburn farm in 1951, where she raised her family and resided until 1988.

During these years, she was active in the DeKalb County Chorus, County Home Extension, Hospital Auxiliary, American Red Cross, First United Methodist Church, Girl Scouts, PTO, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and NATMUS. She also was a soloist for the Auburn Christian Church.

Mrs. Rieke also opened her winter home, in Sarasota, Fla., to many people.

Surviving are her four daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Orlando Trier of Portland, Ore., Gail and Steve Woolever of Wheatfield, Ind., Peggy Waluk of Crown Point and Dee Waluk Johnson and Scott Johnson of Duvall, Wash.; two grandsons, Scott Trier and Zachary Woolever; three granddaughters, Wendy Vece (and her husband, Tony), Michelle Trier and Marcie Trier; three great-grandsons, Allonzo Trier and Christian and Nicholas Vece; four brothers, Bob Lee of Spring Hills, Fla., Rex Rieke of Garrison, Mont., Tex Rieke of Judith Gap, Mont., and Ted Rieke of Billings, Mont.; a sister, Pas Boza of Kilauea, Hawaii; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Waluk, and a nephew, Donny.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, the American Diabetes Association or Parkview Hospice.

Jennifer Tucker

LANSDALE, Pa. — Jennifer Jane Tucker, 34, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at Central Montgomery Medical Center in Lansdale, Pa.

She was the property manager of The Stanbridge Apartments in Lansdale for the past 4 1/2 years.

She grew up in Auburn and in Naperville, Ill., and attended Naperville North High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University in 1993.

In addition to spending her summers at Indian Lake in Michigan, where she enjoyed swimming, sailing and water skiing, she was an accomplished downhill skier and logged several hours scuba diving.

Surviving are her parents, Pat and Tom Tucker of Dowagiac, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Jen Tucker of Seattle; a nephew, Ned Tucker of Seattle; and two grandparents, Nora and Bud Tucker of Auburn and Niles, Mich.

Arrangements are pending for memorial services at Indian Lake during the summer of 2003.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Jennifer Tucker Memorial Fund, 3033 NW 74th St., Seattle, WA 98117.

Roland Hewitt

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roland L. Hewitt, 65, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at 12:50 a.m. at Select Specialty Hospital at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill since October.

Mr. Hewitt was a lifetime resident of the area. He worked at Kendallville Foundry and retired from Dalton Foundry.

He was born in Lisbon on Feb. 25, 1937, to Doyle and Dorothy (Friend) McComb Hewitt.

Surviving are his stepmother, Ida Hewitt of Kendallville; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Dawn and Marc McDonald of Wolcottville, Rollene Hewitt of Fort Wayne, and Karlene Hewitt, Roxanne and Earl Goldsmith, and Brenda and Greg West, all of St. Joe; and one son, Steven Hewitt of Florida; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two stepsisters, Lori Stallings of Kendallville and Valerie Handshoe of Avilla; and two stepbrothers, Joe Hewitt of Kimmell and Jeff Hewitt of Ligonier.

There will be no calling or services. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Edgar Smith

AUBURN — Edgar Arlin Smith, 67, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002 at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith worked for Auburn Rubber Co., Dana Weatherhead in Fort Wayne and Dana Axle in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1997 after 32 1/2 years with Dana.

He graduated from St. Joe High School in 1953. He was a member of the Auburn Moose and Garrett Eagles fraternal organizations.

He was born June 30, 1935, in Auburn to Worthington Ray Smith and Goldie May (Kristofferson) Smith.

He married Wanda C. Baker on May 11, 1957, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy A. and Annette Smith of Fort Wayne and Barry J. and Sandy Smith of Auburn; four brothers, Blake, Warren C. and Donald L., all of Auburn, and John D. of Knox; four sisters, Katherine Decker of Auburn, Alice Lelah Allen of Anderson, Mary Ellen McInturf of Sun City, Ariz., and Shelba Jeane Shuff of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jamie, Katlin and Alyson Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Dale Byrum Smith, and a sister, Effie Mahlum.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Tues. Dec. 17, 2002 (Con)

Fort Wayne businessman Fred Myers, 79, dies

FORT WAYNE — Fred Myers, 79, owner of Fred Myers Piano & Organ Co. since 1953, died Monday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Myers started in a downtown store at 301 W. Jefferson Blvd. and later moved to a South Calhoun Street location. He eventually located his store at its current location on Coldwater Road near I-69. In television commercials he dubbed the I-69 exit leading to his store "the music exit."

He was born in Fort Wayne, graduated from Central High School, and left a sales position with a Ford dealership to work at the H.O. Ware Piano Co., entering the piano and organ business. Myers eventually became sole owner of the renamed store in 1958.

His wife, three sons, a sister, a brother, eight grandsons and two great-grandsons survive.

Services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at First Missionary Church. A private burial will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Memorials are to First Missionary Church.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Debra (Bartlett) Beaty**, 50, died Monday at Kendallville Manor. Services are pending at Parsons Funeral Home in Muncie.

LAGRANGE — **Wanda Huerta**, 35, died Sunday at her home. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Ronald Hanson Kline**, 86, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery, Sturgis, Mich., with the Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Calling is Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. until service time at Fruriip-May Funeral Home.

STROH — **Monroe Charles "Curley" Somerset**, 77, died Sunday at his home after a month-long illness. Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Debbie Austin-Knight**, 41, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Wednesda at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Braylin Raphfeld Baskin**, infant, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **Margery E. Dice**, 100, died Sunday at Lutheran Home. Services Thursday at 2 p.m. at Lutheran Home Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond J. Eisenach**, 73, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Lula Mae Starks Essex**, 71, died Dec. 11 at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church, with calling Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Susan Hollman**, 89, died Sunday at Lutheran Homes Inc. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Home Chapel, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjorie Ann Merlino**, 67, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Dec. 12 at Melbourne Beach Hospital in Florida. Services Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Beach Funeral Home, Indian Harbor Beach, Fla., with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sharilyn Holman**, 55, died Friday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Oakridge Temple, with calling Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carmichael Funeral Service.

FORT WAYNE — **Carol Ann Miller**, 67, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Linda L. Morrison**, 61, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Klaehn Fahl and Melton Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church. Graveside services in Moreland.

FORT WAYNE — **Michael "Tony" Slaughter**, 51, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Naples, Fla. Services today at 2 p.m. at Miller Mortuary, Chapel of Peace, in Farmland, Ind., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Mark Allen Winebrenner**, 51, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Jeannine Davis

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jeannine A. Davis, 68, died at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital from injuries sustained in an auto accident Dec. 10.

Mrs. Davis had attended Fort Wayne Bible College for two years. She was a secretary and choir director and assisted her husband in the ministry. She taught Sunday school and was active in United Methodist Women.

Together she and her husband served several churches, including Garrett, Bluffton, Muncie, Kokomo, Lapel, Peru, Alto and Fort Wayne.

Her husband, the Rev. Keith Davis, served as district superintendent of the Kokomo District of the United Methodist Church. They had lived at Adams Lake for the past nine years.

She was born in Lima, Ohio, on Aug. 28, 1934, to Lewis E. Sr. and Florence (McDorman) Widmark.

She married the Rev. Keith Davis on Sept. 3, 1955, in Lima. He survives at Adams Lake near Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sherillee F. Davis of Fort Wayne, and two brothers, Lewis E. Widmark Jr. and John Widmark, both of Lima.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Dr. Mark Blaising, the Rev. Dr. Willis Gierhart and the Rev. Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Warren.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church and Saturday one hour before services.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton is in charge of arrangements.

David McIntyre

RICHLAND, Mich. — David L. McIntyre, 65, formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at Rose Arbor Hospice, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. McIntyre retired in 1996 from Dana Corp. after 30 years, having worked in Hagerstown, Richmond, Russellville, Ark., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Auburn.

He was a member of Hagerstown Congregational Christian Church, and was very active in Jaycees. He was taught carpentry by his father and loved working with his hands around the house and sports, especially Indiana University basketball.

He was born Oct. 16, 1937, in Winchester to Gail A. and Reba L. (Pittinger) McIntyre. Both preceded him in death.

Mr. McIntyre graduated from Hagerstown High School and attended Ball State University, where he was a member of the basketball team.

He married Jean A. McNelly on July 24, 1959, in Hagerstown, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol A. Ranly of Richland; two sons, Michael D. McIntyre of Springfield, Ore., and Bradley J. McIntyre of Corvallis, Ore.; a sister, Yvonne Marlatt of Hagerstown; four grandchildren, Claire and Michelle Ranly of Richland, Mich., and Ashley and Shelby McIntyre of Corvallis, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene McIntyre, in 2000.

Services will be held Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church in Hagerstown.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Rose Arbor Hospice Residence, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arrangements are by Farley-Estes & Dowdle, Richland Chapel.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Walter R. Beery**, 88, died Wednesday at Woodview Healthcare Center. Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel. Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

CROMWELL — **Terry Howard**, 48, died Tuesday at his home. Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating. Calling is Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Patricia A. Baker**, 60, died Sunday at home. Services Friday at 2 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Clarence E. Davis**, 76, died Tuesday at Heritage Park Nursing Home. Graveside services Friday at 11 a.m. at Highland Park Cemetery. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **James Noll**, 61, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, with calling Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with vigil at 3:30 p.m., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald E. Richards**, 53, died Wednesday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **George H. Perrin**, 67, died Sunday at home. Private services.

FORT WAYNE — **Marilyn J. Roush**, 74, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Bill E. Schlatter**, 79, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Edward Trimble**, 79, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Joyce May Wright**, 60, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Friday at 1 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert A. Young**, 87, died Tuesday at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services Friday at 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with calling today from 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

HARLAN — **Frances L. Chamberlin**, 78, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance, Ohio, with calling today from 2 to 8 p.m.

NEW HAVEN — **Joyce J. Breisch**, 73, died Sunday at home. Services were held at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home.

NEW HAVEN — **Nellie M. Cobbum**, 89, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with calling Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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John Crecelius

ST. JOE — John E. Crecelius, 52, died Monday night, Dec. 16, 2002, in a car-train collision near St. Joe.

Mr. Crecelius had worked as a machinist for 20 years. He was currently a guardsman with Guardsmark in Indianapolis. He was a Vietnam veteran.

He was born Jan. 2, 1950, in St. Louis, Mo., to Arthur and Margaret (Hooper) Crecelius. His mother died Nov. 8, 1999. His father survives in St. Louis.

He married DeeAnn Dowden on Feb. 14, 2002, in Auburn. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Kynan Crecelius, a daughter, Tegan Crecelius, and two brothers, Keith and Kevin, all in St. Louis.

Private family graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. with Pastor David Snodderly officiating.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Dorothy Waluk

AUBURN — Dorothy Mae (Rieke) Waluk, 77, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at her home, surrounded by the love of her four daughters, family and friends.

Mrs. Waluk

She was born to Irvin and Edna Lee (Tough) Rieke on March 4, 1925, in Auburn.

Her adolescent years were shared between Auburn, Wolf Creek, Mont., Morton Grove, Ill., and Fairfax, Va., where she attended junior college.

She married Edward Waluk on Feb. 14, 1946. They began their marriage in Chicago, where her first daughter was born. The family moved to an Auburn farm in 1951, where she raised her family and resided until 1988.

During these years, she was active in the DeKalb County Chorus, County Home Extension, Hospital Auxiliary, American Red Cross, First United Methodist Church, Girl Scouts, PTO, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and NATMUS. She also was a soloist for the Auburn Christian Church.

Mrs. Waluk also opened her winter home, in Sarasota, Fla., to many people.

Surviving are her four daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Orlando Trier of Portland, Ore., Gail and Steve Woolever of Wheatfield, Ind., Peggy Waluk of Crown Point and Dee Waluk Johnson and Scott Johnson of Duvall, Wash.; two grandsons, Scott Trier and Zachary Woolever; three granddaughters, Wendy Vece (and her husband, Tony), Michelle Trier and Marcie Trier; three great-grandsons, Allonzo Trier and Christian and Nicholas Vece; four brothers, Bob Lee of Spring Hills, Fla., Rex Rieke of Garrison, Mont., Tex Rieke of Judith Gap, Mont., and Ted Rieke of Billings, Mont.; a sister, Pas Boza of Kilauea, Hawaii; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Waluk, and a nephew, Donny.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Calling is today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, the American Diabetes Association or Parkview Hospice.

Area Deaths

WARSAW — **Gerald E. "Bus" Sumpter**, 78, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

FORT WAYNE — **Harold V. Barrick**, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Seminole, Fla. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with calling Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., with Masonic services at 6 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Geraldine M. Couture**, 94, died Monday at St. Anne Home. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, with calling today from 4 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Russell E. Filler**, 47, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Nov. 17 at Clear Lake, Texas. Memorial services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Salem United Church of Christ.

FORT WAYNE — **Teresa Maio**, 89, died Monday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling today from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia O. Perry**, 91, died Monday at Regency Place. Graveside services at a later date in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Edward Trimble**, 79, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Louise T. Sarge**, 90, died Friday at Lutheran Home. Services were held in Milwaukee.

FORT WAYNE — **Orvall "Wayne" Stone**, 68, died Monday in Fort Wayne. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Marie A. Morrell**, 93, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven, with calling today from 4 to 7 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home and 30 minutes before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Lois K. Griggs**, 80, died Monday at Roper Hospital in Charleston, S.C. Services Friday at 3 p.m. at New Haven United Methodist Church, with calling Thursday from 2:30 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home and 30 minutes before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Gladys D. Lomont**, 99, died Monday at home. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with vigil at 9 p.m.

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Ruth Brechbill

AUBURN — Ruth "Jean" Brechbill, 82, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002 at 9:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Brechbill was a homemaker and a member of DeKalb County Extension Homemakers. She had resided in the Auburn area for 56 years.

She was born Dec. 1, 1920, in Carmel, Ind., to Rue and Vina (George) Hinshaw.

She married Martin "Richard" Brechbill on May 15, 1943, in Starkville, Mich. He died July 18, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Maxine Brechbill of rural Auburn; three granddaughters, Beth Bechdol (and her husband, Matt) of Fort Washington, Md., Sarah Brechbill of Washington, D.C., and Jennifer Greathouse of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Zachary Spence (and his wife, Amy) of McMinnville, Oregon, and Jacob Spence of Indianapolis; three great-grandchildren, Sam Greathouse of Fort Wayne, Grace Elizabeth Bechdol of Fort Washington, Md., and Autumn Kylee Spence of McMinnville, Oregon; and a brother, Phil Hinshaw of Carmel.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Jean Spence.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, DeKalb 4-H Council or DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Robert Blaising

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Blaising, 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Port St. Lucie Nursing and Restorative Care Center in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked as a service manager with Poinsette Motors for 10 years and with Rossean Brothers Chrysler-Plymouth for 10 years. He loved family gatherings, church and friends.

Surviving are his wife, Delilah, of Port St. Lucie; two daughters, Sylvia Anne Kratzman of Leo and Marcia Cook of Spencerville; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A sister, Virginia Blaising, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery with a military graveside service.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will begin at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002

Beulah Alwood

FORT WAYNE — Beulah Alwood, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at 6:55 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Alwood was employed at Magnavox as a laborer for 24 years.

She was born Oct. 24, 1925, in Williamsburg, Ky., to James and Mary (Taubee) Tackett. Both parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, Billy Napier of Fort Wayne, Winston Napier of Kenton, Ohio, Bobby Napier of Sturgis, Ky., and Johnny Napier of Sydney, Ohio; a daughter, Betty Myers of Fort Wayne; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Brown Napier and Robert Alwood.

Services will be held Saturday at noon in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Joseph N. Ligman**, 79, died Thursday at his home. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

LAOTTO — **Lee R. McDuffee**, 94, formerly of LaOtto, died Dec. 6, 2002, in Aiken, S.C. Memorial services were held in Aiken.

FORT WAYNE — **Beulah Alwood**, 77, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at noon at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth Anna Louise Hamilton**, 102, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Cloverdale. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Jonas**, 77, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Carlos Adrian Lopez**, 18, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with calling Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Hugh Joseph McFarland**, 61, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Winston-Salem, with calling Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Vogler & Sons Reynolda Road Chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Agnes E. Mensing**, 99, died Thursday at St. Anne Home. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Home Chapel, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with vigil at 4:30 p.m., and one hour before services at the chapel.

FORT WAYNE — **Irene Francois Ramlow**, 87, died Thursday at Heritage Park. Services Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maple wood Park Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Pamela I. Neely**, 53, died Tuesday at home. Graveside services Saturday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park, with calling today from 6 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Larry E. Schulz**, 61, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Memorial services pending Saturday at First Assembly of God Worship Center. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Stephan R. Seidel**, 48, died Tuesday at home. Services Saturday at 1 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, with calling today from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Rev. George Schuette

GIBSON ISLAND, Md. — The Rev. George William Schuette, 82, of Gibson Island, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

He served 24 years as the pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 17, 1920, in Mobile, Ala., to George Herman Schuette and Hazel Wendel Schuette.

After moving with his family to Columbus, Ind., he graduated from Columbus High School in 1938. He attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, earning a bachelor's degree in 1942. He earned his divinity degree from the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1945.

He was ordained Feb. 25, 1945, in Columbus, Ind. He served churches in Batesville and Smyrna for four years, then developed a mission church in South Bend where he remained for six years.

After retiring from the Auburn church in 1982, he moved to Easton, Md. He served as interim pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Easton for six months and as pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Md., for six years.

While living in Indiana, he served as dean of the Fort Wayne Conference of the Lutheran Church, as well as serving on the Mulberry Home board, the Lutherwald Camp board, the Board of American Missions, the Stewart Commitee for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, the Lutheran Magazine and the Stewardship Committee.

Other activities included serving 20 years on the board of directors of the local YMCA. He was chairman of the United Fund and secretary-treasurer of the ministerial association. He held membership on the boards of the Cancer Society, the American Red Cross and the Tuberculosis Board.

While in Easton, he was a member of the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity and the Talbot County YMCA and served as a volunteer guide at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum.

He was a member of the Lions Club for more than 45 years.

He married Martha Bush on June 4, 1944, in Greenford, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rebecca Schuette Folkemer of Gibson Island and Elizabeth Schuette Best of Warwickshire, Kenilworth, England; a sister, Lynette Zeigler of Columbus, Ind.; and six grandchildren, Laura, Julie, Amy, Sarah and Nathaniel Folkemer of Gibson Island and Colette Lee Best of England.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church of Easton. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery at Easton.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 111 Brookletts Ave., Easton, MD 21601, or Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 777, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, Md.

Helen Barrick

FORT WAYNE — Helen V. Wolfe Barrick, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She worked as a security officer for the Montgomery Reliable store. She retired in 1982 from the L.S. Ayres store after 15 years of service. She was a member of Sky Line Community Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Union Mills, N.C., to Pierce and Pearl (Manney) Miller.

Surviving are a son, Jim B. Wolfe of Columbia City; two daughters, Molly V. Vakerics of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Ellen Nuttle Crawford of Auburn; four grandchildren, Sherry Wilson, Robin Norman, Dawn Register and Jon McAfee; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Steve Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sky Line Community Church of Fort Wayne

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FREMONT — **Rebecca J. Machamer**, 44, of Fremont, died Thursday at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola. No visitation or services are scheduled. Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Rosetta Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Rosetta P. Miller, 85, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at 1:10 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a graduate of LaOtto High School. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, crocheting and other crafts.

She was born Sept. 25, 1917, to Frank and Mae (Fisher) Weaver. Both preceded her in death.

She married Howard Miller on March 26, 1934, in Avilla. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Morrie Davis of Rome City, and Rosalyn and Paul DeHoff of North Terrytown, N.Y.; one sister, Lileth Whan of Avilla; seven grandchildren, Kim Treesh, Steve DeHoff, Peter DeHoff, Tom DeHoff, Anette DeHoff, Kenneth DeHoff and Deborah Spencer; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ron Miller; one daughter, Janet Miller; two grandchildren, Tammi Riecke and Ron Davis; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is today from 4-7 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials to the Tammi Riecke Scholarship Fund in memory of Rosetta P. Miller.

William Foutz

ANGOLA — William R. Foutz, 68, of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Foutz worked as a lineman for Steuben County Rural Electric Membership Corp. for 28 years before retiring in 1999. He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and was a past Worshipful Master of the Angola Masonic Lodge #236. He graduated in 1953 from Angola High School and attended Tri-State College. He was also a Navy veteran.

He was born May 2, 1934, in Detroit, to L. Virgil and Madeleine (West) Foutz. Both preceded him in death.

He married Dawn (Webb) Foutz on March 11, 1972. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Bruce Foutz of Pleasant Lake, Christopher Foutz of St. Peters, Mo., and Robert Foutz of Angola; and two grandchildren, Bradley and Angela Foutz.

He was also preceded in death by a stepmother, Catherine Foutz.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West Street, Angola.

Graveside services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or National Kidney Foundation.

Billie Teegardin

GARRETT — Billie Joann Teegardin, 75, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at New Hanover Regional Hospital, Wilmington, N.C.

Mrs. Teegardin was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 15, 1927, to Victor and Maude (Moughler) Applegate in Noble County.

On Sept. 7, 1945, she married Claude Teegardin in Garrett. He preceded her in death on March 11, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Joseph and Nancy Teegardin of Mandeville, La., and Gary Teegardin of Cantonsville, Md.; one daughter, Claudia Johnson of Hanover, Pa.; three sisters, Jessie Mae Bauman of Auburn, Kathleen Jane Collins of Calabash, N.C., and Gwendolyn Irene Conkle of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Pauline Camp

AUBURN — Pauline (Myers) Camp, 80, of Auburn, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare.

Mrs. Camp was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 18, 1922 in Waterloo.

On Oct. 6, 1939, she married Roland L. Camp in Auburn. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are three sons, Wilber Camp, Ronald Camp, and Carnie Camp, all of Auburn; two daughters, Janice M. Warner of Fort Wayne, and Norma J. Wilmot of South Lyon, Mich.; two sisters, Thelma Skiles of Montpelier, Ohio, and Lynn (Linda) Battershell of Roanoke, Ind.; two brothers, Walter Myers of Selma, Ala., and Calvin Myers of Sherwood, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Glenn A. Myers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct information provided to this newspaper and add additional information.

Helen Barrick

FORT WAYNE — Helen V. Wolfe Barrick, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

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She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Union Mills, N.C., to Pierce and Pearl (Nanny) Miller.

Surviving are a son, Jim B. Wolfe of Columbia City; two daughters, Molly V. Vakerics of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Ellen Nuttle Crawford of Auburn; four grandchildren, Sherry Wilson, Robin Norman, Dawn Register and Jon McAfee; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Steve Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sky Line Community Church of Fort Wayne or St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

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— MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2002 —

FORT WAYNE — **Richard W. Dolson**, 92, died Saturday at Lutheran Home. Services at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Marjory I. "Molly" Fisher**, 92, died Saturday at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center. Services Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with calling Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, with vigil at 3:30 p.m. and calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **William C. Grepke Sr.**, 85, died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services Thursday at 3 p.m. at Lutheran Home Chapel, with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Leolaruth M. Purk**, 77, died Saturday at her son's home. Arrangements pending at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Terry L. Menze**, 54, died Saturday at home. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

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— TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2002 —

Henry Ade

WATERLOO — Henry Ade, 67, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002.

He was a show promoter and owned and operated Henry Ade Productions for 35 years.

He was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police, a board member of the International Entertainment Buyers Association, the Fort Wayne Local Musicians Union and Nashville Association of Talent Directors.

He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Kansas City, Kan., to Edward Forest and Marie Agnes (Rittenhouse) Ade.

On Aug. 9, 1980, he married Judy Little and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Stephen and Debbie Ade of Vista, Calif., and Clinton Ade of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa and James Steup of Fort Wayne and Brandy and Nathan Conn of Waterloo; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Shirley Ade of Ossian; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Tom Paragian of Livitz, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Garden, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ross Weaver

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. — Ross Martin Weaver, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at Country Place Nursing Home, Crossville, Tenn.

He was born June 7, 1916, in Indiana and had lived in Jamestown, Tenn.

Surviving are his wife, Allie Turner Weaver of Crossville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Jan Weaver of Auburn, Glen and Kathy Weaver of Crossville and Ronnie Weaver of Harriman; a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Charles Greer of Muncie; a sister, Evelyn Qualls of Jamestown; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Mundy Funeral Home, Jamestown, with the Rev. Harold Qualls and the Rev. Ray Smith officiating.

Burial was in Fentress Memory Gardens, Jamestown.

Luzetta Swantusch

ANGOLA — Luzetta M. Swantusch, 92, died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center, Angola. Arrangements are pending at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Leland Green

ASHLEY — Leland B. "Pete" Green, 81, died at 4:33 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, after a sudden illness. Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Loretta F. Doehla**, 70, died Sunday at home. Services Thursday at noon at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Calling is three hours before services at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Geraldine W. Bahner**, 91, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Dec. 16 at The Windsor in Bradenton, Fla. Graveside services pending at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerry L. David**, 59, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Dec. 4. Memorial services were held at the Salvation Army.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2002

Leland 'Pete' Green

ASHLEY — Leland B. "Pete" Green, 81, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola after a sudden illness.

Mr. Green was a transportation engineer and the chief executive officer and founder of Ashley Housing Corp.

Mr. Green

He was a member of the Church of Christ, Ashley-Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Retired Teamsters Local 414 and the Republican party. He was a precinct committeman for Smithfield West, and a member of the DeKalb Redevelopment Commission and the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District. He served as a member of the Ashley Town Council from 1988 to 1991. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born March 11, 1921, in LaGrange County to Robert and Hazel (Forbes) Green.

He married Virginia D. Shadle in the Ashley Church of God parsonage on Dec, 24, 1958. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Green of Muncie and Rebecca Coar of Fort Wayne; a son, Lee Smith of Port Ludlow, Wash.; two brothers, R. Karl Green of Wooster, Ohio and James Ray Green of Sebring, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, a brother and a daughter, Carol Witkowski, in 1986.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson The Rev. Harold D. Gingerich will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery of rural Wolcottville.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Jo Ann David

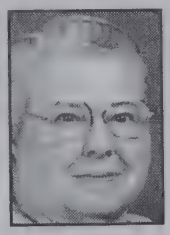
KENDALLVILLE — Jo Ann David, 53, died at 12:45 a.m. today, Dec. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Irene Bailey

WATERLOO — Irene Mae (King) Bailey, 94, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bailey was a lifelong member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School for more than 50 years and was very active in the Ladies Aid.



Mrs. Bailey

She was a homemaker and taught kindergarten through eighth grade at the one-room Kelly School, and also at the Ashley School.

She was born May 7, 1908, in her Fairfield Township home in DeKalb County, to Clarence and Hester (Reinoehl) King.

She married Franklin Monroe Bailey on Aug. 12, 1939, in Angola. He died Nov. 25, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Bailey of Waterloo; three stepsons, Ray Bailey of Fresno, Calif., James Bailey of Fort Wayne and Carl Bailey of Bakersfield, Calif.; her stepdaughter and caregiver, Pearl (Carper) Baumgartner of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Jeff, Jim and Jason Bailey; 16 stepgrandchildren and many stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Alfred Bailey, and a brother, Roy King.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Margaret Shannon

AUBURN — Margaret H. Shannon, 93, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, at Shenandoah Health & Rehabilitation Center in Charleston, W.Va.

She worked for the Auburn City Hardware for 13 years, retiring from there. She was a member of the Auburn united Methodist Church.

She was born in Humberstone, Ontario, Canada on Sept. 12, 1909, to Walter S. and Anna J. (Juhlke) Reeb.

She married Norman M. Shannon in 1933. He died in 1981.

Also preceding her in death were five brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Geraldine and Thomas Reynolds of Bunker Hill, W.Va.; one brother, Norman Reeb of Essex, Ontario; one sister, Bertha G. Dean of Auburn; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Shawna Hawn

LAOTTO — Shawna M. Hawn, 32, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at 3:57 p.m. at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Miss Hawn

A resident of LaOtto for one year, she had worked as a waitress at Strawberry's in Garrett before her illness. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

She was born April 19, 1970, in Auburn.

Surviving are her father, Kerwin Hawn of Hamilton; her mother, Linda Kalinowski of Hamilton; her fiance, Doug Baker of LaOtto; a son, Adam Howard of Butler; two daughters, Natasha Howard of Butler and Shalyn Tester of LaOtto; two brothers, David Hawn of Indianapolis and Brian Hawn of Hamilton; and four sisters, Lisa Bickel of New Paris, Niakki Van Osdale of Hudson, Naikoma Hawn of Garrett and Neosha Hawn of Butler.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Megan Howard and Ashley Howard; a brother, Jerry Alan Hawn, and a sister Tina M. Hawn.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses, in care of Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett IN 46738.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Betty Williams

ANTWERP, Ohio — Betty L. Williams, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at 6:03 p.m. at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home in Payne, Ohio.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 14, 1923, in Antwerp, Ohio, to James Elmer Laney and Alta (Maynard) Laney.

She married Glen "Chink" Williams on Aug. 10, 1940, in Ottawa, Ohio. He died Jan. 29, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Jim, of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Peggy Cooper of Waterloo; Linda Mick of Defiance, Ohio, Sharon Gaston of Greenville, Tenn., and Barbara Spillner of Antwerp, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Maxine VanAllen, preceded her in death.

Services were held Tuesday at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp. The Rev. Jim Edwards officiated. Burial was in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

Memorials are to the buiding fund at the First Baptist Church of Antwerp or the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home in Payne.

Luzetta Swantusch

ANGOLA — Luzetta M. Swantusch, 92, Angola, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Swantusch was born Nov. 24, 1910, in Garrett, to Henry and Lurl (Dawson) Worman. She was married to Dr. Otto Swantusch, and he preceded her in death.

She was a nurse, and had worked at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. She attended nursing school in Chicago, and also was a student at Baylor College in Texas.

Gravside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett. No calling will be held.

Surviving is a sister, Barbara Jean Blough of Brighton, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sylvia Lee Thames, and theww brothers, James, Henry E. and Curtis Worman.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Helen L. Shutta**, 80, died Tuesday at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen. Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Jack Overmyer of the church officiating. Calling is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. with rosary at 8 p.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimerman Funeral Home.

LIGONIER — **Jerry I. Budd**, 52, died at 5:55 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Albion Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before services at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Theodore R. "Ted" Dickey**, 90, died Tuesday at his home. Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with Pastor Michael Booher officiating. Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

GOSHEN — **Miranda Joy Lehman**, 5, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital after a brief illness. Services are Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Joe Dean Mast residence at 13621 C.R. 36, Goshen, with Bishop Simon J. Schmucker and the Revs. Glen Miller and David Miller, all of the Old Order Amish Church, officiating. Calling is at the family home after 2 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Violet R. Shields**, 81, died Wednesday at her home at Turkey Lake. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jared Michael Hyndman**, 22, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, after a brief illness. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Calling is Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Edna Yoder**, 87, died Wednesday at her home. Services are Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home at 0860S — 500W, LaGrange, with Bishop Simon Miller and the Rev. Dan Yoder officiating. Calling Thursday after 6 p.m. and all day Friday.

LIGONIER — **Robert M. Moser**, 88, died Tuesday at Avalon Village in Ligonier. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Richville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Tom Wiegand officiating. Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2002

Jo Ann David

KENDALLVILLE — Jo Ann David, 53, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at 12:46 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. David was a school guidance counselor for 31 years, currently serving at Carroll Middle School. She previously had counseled at Eastside High School and DeKalb High School.

Mrs. David

She was a 1967 graduate of Waterloo High School and a 1971 graduate of Indiana Central College, Indianapolis. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She was born March 23, 1949, in Auburn to Wayne C. and Marcelle (Smith) Voss. Her mother survives in Waterloo.

On July 25, 1971, in Waterloo she married Jan E. David. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Andrew C. David of Waterloo, Nicholas E. David of Waterloo and Rocky J. David of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen V. and Ronald E. Feller of Waterloo; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Doyle and Janice David of Greentown; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Stephen and Carly David of Isle of Palms, S.C.; and six nieces and nephews and their spouses, Kim and Jack Clark, Dave and Laurie Feller, Kristine Jo Feller, Rex and Jane Feller, Bryant David and Zachary David.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dan Barker and the Rev. Charles Smith officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 1-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Rick Purdy

AUBURN — Rick L. Purdy, 53, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002.

Mr. Purdy was employed as a machinist at Aro Corp. for 24 years. He was born March 1, 1949, in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Myrna (Fee) Purdy of Auburn; a daughter, Sharmin Swogger of Wolcottville; a son, Scott Purdy of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Todd Johnson of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amber Johnson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Maxine Henson of Fort Wayne and Barbara Gauthier of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Dale Eugene Purdy of Arizona; and six grandchildren, Andrew Purdy of Fort Wayne, Matthew Purdy of Fort Wayne, Chris Boles of Wolcottville, Blake Swogger of Wolcottville, Ladon Swogger of Wolcottville and M'Kensie Johnson of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Roscoe Jack, John T.K. and Danny Purdy; three sisters, Deloris Etheridge, Ardola Christlieb and Mary-Joyce Bonbrake; and his parents, Dale Delbert and Thelma Deliah (Sproat) Purdy.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Claris Freeland

COESSE — Claris M. Freeland, 95, of Coesse, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a native of Coesse.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Bade of Fort Wayne and Elaine Sevenski of Michigan; a stepsister, Leone Divido of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Ralph Spaw of Kendallville and Melvin Spaw of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Church of Christ or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Judith Losh

EDGERTON, Ohio — Judith E. Losh, 60, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at 8:35 a.m. in the Community Hospital of Williams County, at Montpelier, Ohio.

Mrs. Losh was employed in maintenance at L.E. Smith Co. for five years.

She was born Jan. 2, 1942, in Paulding, Ohio, to Forrest and Marguerite (Haney) Littlejohn.

She married Arlen D. Losh on Jan. 12, 1963, in Helmer. He died March 21, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Larry Miller of Montpelier; two brothers, James Littlejohn and Auburn and Samuel Littlejohn of Kendallville; two sisters, Jonetta Houser of Butler and Joyce Porter of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with pastor Larry Grile officiating.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to Williams County Hospice.

Shirley Heeren

FORT WAYNE — Shirley A. (Patton) Heeren, 63, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Spencerville, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

She enjoyed knitting and plastic canvas art.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Heeren of Fort Wayne; her mother, Dorothy Smith of Auburn; two daughters, LaDonna and Bonnie Patton, both of New Haven; a son, Steve Patton of Fort Wayne; four stepsons, Donald Heeren and James Heeren, both of Fort Wayne, Rick Heeren of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Brian Heeren of Largo, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Robin Gaff of Columbus, Ohio, and Roiann Smolinski of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Baker of Spencerville; a brother, Larry Smith of Leo; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her father, Wayne Smith, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in White City Cemetery near Spencerville.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. James C. Duke**, 91, died Tuesday at Heritage Park Nursing Home. Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Albion Wesleyan Church. Calling is today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, and on Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Turner Funeral Home of Spring Hill, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — **Don T. Bailey Jr.**, 67, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Keith John Carcione**, 68, died Monday at home. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic church, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home and 30 minutes before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Russell E. DeTurk**, 95, died Wednesday at home. Services Sunday at 4 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Son Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Edward A. Facks**, 82, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with calling today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and 30 minutes before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Kent Whitson Gildow**, 42, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Memorial services Jan. 3, 2003, at 7 p.m. at his home.

FORT WAYNE — **Lavette J. Griggs**, 60, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Tuesday at 1 p.m. at High Ground Ministry.

FORT WAYNE — **Norman F. Haber**, 86, died Wednesday at Golden Years Homestead. Private services. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Amy L. Nash**, 53, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital. Services pending.

FORT WAYNE — **Delores Pemberton**, 76, died Tuesday at Life Care Center. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 with vigil at 8:30 and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Douglas E. Shaw**, 34, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with calling Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **David Seigel**, 79, died Thursday at Covington Manor Nursing Center. Services today at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Chad M. Stauffer**, 24, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Services Sunday at 1 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, with calling Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Crysteen B. Thomas**, 38, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services Saturday at noon at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Jane E. Young**, 80, died Monday at Life Care Center. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, with calling Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Ardinell Roy Williamson**, 88, died Wednesday at Rawlin's House, Pendleton. Services today at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling one hour before services.

NEW HAVEN — **Frank Mattice**, 80, died Wednesday at home. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, with calling Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

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Kathleen Kimpel

ANGOLA — Kathleen Joan "Kathy" Kimpel, 81, Angola, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a sudden illness.

Mrs. Kimpel was born Oct. 19, 1921, in Auburn to Leslie and Myrtle (Vaughn) Robbins. She married Lowell H. Kimpel on Oct. 27, 1937, in Garrett, and he survives.

Mrs. Kimpel

She had lived in Angola since 1981, coming from Pleasant Lake. Several years prior, she had lived in South Milford.

She retired from Scott's Food Store in Angola in 2001, and had also worked at Excello in Angola. She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and its Ladies' Aid.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Carl Root of Kendallville, Deborah and James Kaough of Wolcottville and Carolyn and Rick Moore of Kendallville; five sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Kimpel of LaGrange, Robert and Mary Kimpel of LaGrange, John and Wendy Kimpel of Warsaw, David and Diane Kimpel of LaGrange and Larry and Rosita Kimpel of Orlando, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ann Kimpel, and a sister, Roslie Thomas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Michael Booher officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in the South Milford Church of Christ Cemetery.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ or the charity of the donor's choice.

DeNeil Myers

LITTLE TURKEY LAKE — DeNeil L. Myers, 85, of Little Turkey Lake, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Myers was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and MarieAnna (Wunderlin) Ross. She married Garland L. Myers on Oct. 5, 1933, in Auburn, and he survives.

She was a clerk at L.S. Ayres Co. in Fort Wayne. She came to LaGrange from Fort Wayne in 1976. She was a member of the LaGrange County Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Myers

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patsy and Jack Funk of Wolcottville and Gay Bell of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Elva Ross, a brother, Kenneth Ross, and a sister, Garnetta Gambrell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Stroh Church of Christ, with Michael Hamm officiating. Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ or the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

I. Frances Nordmann

NORTH MANCHESTER — I. Frances Nordmann, 82, a resident of Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

Mrs. Nordmann was born March 16, 1920, in New Carlisle, Ohio, to Isaac and Luella (Neher) Studebaker.

She married Albert G. Nordmann on Aug. 7, 1941. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1998.

She was a retired school teacher. She graduated from Manchester College in 1959. She did additional graduate work at Purdue and Ball State universities with National Science Foundation grants. She taught elementary school at Franklin Township School in Kosciusko County and Silver Lake Elementary School. She then taught mathematics at Central Junior High School, and later at Manchester High School, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. She was a past president of the North Manchester Business and Professional Women's Club.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, A. Gary and Christine Nordmann of Hamilton and Terry A. and Barbara (Reinertsen) Nordmann of Bath, Maine; a sister, Donna A. Darling of Plymouth; and three grandchildren, Nicholas A. Nordmann of Hamilton, Benjamin E. Nordmann of Decatur and Jane Elizabeth Nordmann of Bath.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Nordmann, and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, with Pastor Fred Bishop officiating. Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Servia.

Memorials are to North Manchester United Methodist Church of Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **David A. "Charlie" Carr**, 46, of Angola, died Friday at his residence. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, with a Lions club service at 6 p.m.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Venona L. Barnell**, 95, of Sturgis, Mich., died Friday at her residence. Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Brenda Burnworth officiating. Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

WAWAKA — **Vernon Dale Studebaker**, 76, of Wawaka, died Thursday at his winter residence in Frostproof, Fla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

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Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002

Richard Fisel

LIGONIER — Richard Dale Fisel, 79, of Ligonier, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at his residence due to failing health.

Mr. Fisel was born March 16, 1923, in Ligonier to Franklin Otto and Evangeline (Donley) Fisel. He married Frances Eleanor (Chiddister) Fisel on Aug. 14, 1943 in Goshen. She survives him in Ligonier.

Mr. Fisel

He was a lifetime resident of Ligonier and had been a meat cutter for Krogers, Kellams Foodtown and Holsingers. He then worked in the RV industry for 23 years, retiring in 1988 from Advantage Corp. in Goshen.

He graduated from Ligonier High School in 1942. He served for 39 months during World War II with the Army Air Corp, being discharged in 1946. He was a Ligonier United Methodist Church member, vice-president of Ligonier High School Alumni for two years, charter member of Ligonier Historical Society, member of West Noble American Legion, and served for two terms on the Ligonier City Council.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Fisel of Ligonier; two sons, Stephen R. Fisel of Longview, TX, and Marc J. Fisel of Columbia City; two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three granchildren, and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Calling is two hours prior to service at funeral home.

Burial will take place at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

Memorials are to Ligonier Historical Society.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Pauline Barker

COLDWATER, Mich. — Pauline 'Polly' Barker, 88, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at her daughter's house.

Mrs. Barker was born in July 17, 1914, in Freeport, Mich. to Ida Jane (Pallett) and Edwin Stairs. She married the Rev. Alvin Barker on Sept. 2, 1933 in Freeport. They were married for 65 years, and he preceded her in death in 1999.

She was a graduate of Hastings High School and attended for two years Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., and one year at LPN college in Howell, Mich. A licensed practical nurse, she was a member of the Coldwater Wesleyan Church and a pastor's wife for 43 years. She was well known in the community for her sugar cookies, and she enjoyed serving others.

She had lived in Coldwater for 25 years. She worked as an LPN for seven years at CHC, a nursing home in Ionia, Carriage Inn, Coldwater. She was a home health care nurse and she spent nine months in Africa as a missionary nurse.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn and Dwayne Carmer of Coldwater; two sons, Gary and Dorothy Barker of Coldwater, and the Rev. Dr. Dan and Joyce Barker of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; one adopted daughter, Marion Brandeberry of Rivers Junction, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and five sisters.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater. Also, from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Wesleyan Church, Coldwater.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Coldwater Wesleyan Church with Dr. Ronald D. Kelly officiating.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Hastings, Mich.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship or the Good Samaritan Hospice.

Arrangements are by Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich.

Malinda Beechy

LAGRANGE — Malinda (Schwartz) Beechy, 81, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at her residence .

Mrs. Beechy was born Jan. 27, 1921, in Nappanee to Mary Ann (Burkholder) and John L. Schwartz. She married William D. Beechy on April 25, 1946 in Nappanee. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Schrock, LaGrange; four sons, Marvin and Amanda Beechy of LaGrange, Alvin and Wilma Beechy of LaGrange, John and Wilma Beechy of LaGrange, and Daniel and Edna Beechy of Cambria, Wisc; one sister, Lovina Helmuth of Nappanee; three brothers, John Schwartz of Nappanee, Joe Schwartz, of Etna Green, and Daniel Schwartz of Berne; 39 grandchildren; 59 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitations will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence.

Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the family residence. It will be ministered by Bishop Delbert Mast and the Rev. Ervin Bontrager.

Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Fruriip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

David Carr

ANGOLA — David A. "Charlie" Carr, 46, of Angola, died, Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Carr was born on March 18, 1956, in Angola to Charlie and Phyllis (Green) Carr.

He was a maintenance worker for Steuben County Highway Department for seven years. He was a member and past president of the Land O Lakes Lions Club, a recipient of the W.P. Woods Award from the Lions International and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and Night Crawlers. He also formerly worked at Automotive Paint and Supply, Angola, Maxton's Motors and Shorty's Service Station.

Surviving are his mother, Phyllis Carr of Angola; four sisters, Sue Pepper of Waterford, MI, Linda Shough of Fort Wayne, Barbara Matchette of Fairmount, and Kathy Madigan of Sevierville, Tenn; nine nieces and nephews; six great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie Carr, and one sister, Mary Cheryl Carr.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. today with a Lions Club Service at 6 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Burial will take place at the Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Land O Lakes Lions Club, Tent Project.

Arrangements by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Estus Grady

FORT WAYNE — Estus "Mike" Grady, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Grady was born in Rome City, where he retired as a salesman from Perfection Biscuit Co. in 1978. He was a member of Unity Christ Church.

Surviving are his wife, Helen C. (Winkelmann) Grady, Fort Wayne; a son, Kevin M. Grady, Fort Wayne; daughters, Sharon A. Grady, Madison, Wisc., Marcia L. Brandt, Mt. Prospect, Ill., and Kathleen L. Strycker, Wolcottville; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Part, Fort Wayne.

Memorial are to Unity Christ Church.

Jack Carper

GARRETT — Jack D. Carper, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at 2:05 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Carper resided in Garrett for 29 years.

He was born Jan. 23, 1928, to Ford E. and Dicy Dovetta (Denny) Carper in Auburn. Both preceded him in death.

He married Beverly L. Schurr, and she survives in Garrett.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Donald Shutt

AUBURN — Donald L. Shutt, 83, died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Shutt

He worked on the B&O Railroad for 28 1/2 years, retiring in 1979. He was a self-employed contractor, and owned and operated Superior Concrete Block Co. of Auburn in the early 1950s. He worked at First Block Co. in Auburn. He was first in the area with pre-fabricated and modular homes, as well as conventional homes. He developed the first official addition to the city of Auburn, Superior Drive, named after the Block Co.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a life member of the V.F.W. of Waterloo, American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Auburn Moose Lodge and a charter member of the Auburn Elks Lodge. He held every office in DeKalb Lodge 24 F&AM and in York Rite of Fort Wayne. He was past Grand Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He was also a member of Mizpah Shrine, Auburn Eastern Star 103, Indiana York Rite College, Auburn-Garrett York Rite and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

He was born in Garrett on Aug. 16, 1919, to Samuel E. and Elsie (Fairchild) Shutt.

He married Helen Freeman on Dec. 31, 1939, at the Methodist parsonage in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry D. Shutt and Kenneth L. Shutt, both of Auburn; one daughter, Janis Marie Bowling of Auburn; one sister, Marie Craig of Newago, Mich.; and one stepbrother, Theron Dosch of Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren, Todd, Troy, Jason, Billy and Ryan Shutt and Marcus Bowling; six great-grandchildren, Zachary, Devon, Nicholas, Macey, Madison and Maxim; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Tiffany and Justin Tellez.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Lynn Shutt; one grandson, Brian Bowling; two sisters, Betty John and Maxine Campbell; and two infant sisters.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Louise Dafforn**, 75, died Sunday in Columbia City. Services are Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Calling is two hours before services at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **M. Wilma Sohn**, 90, died Wednesday at Oaks Nursing Home. Memorial services are Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio. Calling is one hour before services.

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— TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2002 —

The following is repeated to provide additional information.

Donald Shutt

AUBURN — Donald L. Shutt, 83, died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Shutt

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He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a life member of the V.F.W. of Waterloo, American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Auburn Moose Lodge and a charter member of the Auburn Elks Lodge. He held every office in DeKalb Lodge 214 F&AM and in York Rite of Fort Wayne. He was past Grand Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He was also a member of Mizpah Shrine, Auburn Eastern Star 103, Indiana York Rite College, Auburn-Garrett York Rite and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

He was born in Garrett on Aug. 16, 1919, to Samuel E. and Elsie (Fairchild) Shutt.

He married Helen Freeman on Dec. 31, 1939, at the Methodist parsonage in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry D. and Pat Shutt and Kenneth L. Shutt, all of Auburn; one daughter, Janis Marie Bowling of Auburn; one sister, Marie Craig of Newago, Mich.; and one stepbrother, Theron Dosch of Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren, Todd, Troy, Jason, Billy and Ryan Shutt and Marcus Bowling; six great-grandchildren, Zachary, Devon, Nicholas, Macey, Madison and Maxim; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Tiffany and Justin Tellez.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Lynn Shutt; one grandson, Brian Bowling; two sisters, Betty John and Maxine Campbell; and two infant sisters.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital or the donor's choice.

Ida Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — Ida Irene Rupert, 90, died at 1:48 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She moved from Fort Wayne to Kendallville in 1958. She retired as a cook at the V&A Restaurant after 20 years. She was a volunteer with the Council on Aging for several years.

She was born in Camden, Ind., on Sept. 6, 1912, to Thomas Edgar and Rose Zetta (Sellers) Evans.

She married Ralph John Rupert Sr. in Fort Wayne on Sept. 27, 1927. He died Oct. 3, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth Waldron and Carolyn Latta, both of Kendallville, and Vivian Jane and Elton Fluke of Waterloo; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles Thomas Rupert of Kendallville, Ralph John Rupert Jr. of Skinner Lake, Paul Alan and Ruth Rupert of Ligonier, Keith and Peggy Rupert of Skinner Lake and Gregory and Deena Rupert of Albion; 36 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren;

Preceding her in death was one brother, Jessie Dorman Evans, who died in 1992; two half-brothers, Russell and Ray Issacs; and one half-sister, Alida McMullin.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Vicar Brian Jones of Lutheran Homes officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or to the nutrition site.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Kent Whitson Gildow**, 42, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Memorial services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at his home at 314 W. Suttenfield in Fort Wayne. Another memorial service will be held Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Lower Salem, after which his ashes will be scattered on the family property.

LAGRANGE — **Sylvia E. Hostetler,** 93, died Monday at her home. Services are Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jacob Petersheim at 400W — 75N, LaGrange, with Bishop Marvin Graber and the Rev. Wilbur Bontrager officiating. Calling is today after 3 p.m. and all day Wednesday at 3785W — 50N, LaGrange.

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